

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 21, 2021**  
**501 Main Street**  
**6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on October 21, 2021 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Thomas L. Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were nine council members present, none absent. Mike O'Connor, Linda Altheide, Roslyn Garcia (left prior to staff reports), Devon Dade, John Helenthal, Steve Andrews, Linda Marsden (left at 6:58 p.m.), Roger Bryant, and Susan Dunek were present. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Bridge, Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis, Sewer Manager Michael Clark, Police Chief Dave Hinton, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, as well as other personnel.

**MAYOR CORRESPONDENCE:** Recognized Dave Johnson's retirement from Sanitation Department, effective Oct 29, 2021. Mayor gave comments on current budget deficit.

**CITIZEN'S REQUEST:** Tony and Marty Fox of Decker Manufacturing commented on franchise fees and relationships with the city. Brad Schreck and Kathy Marion commented on noise pollution. Teresa Murray asked about cost savings of redistricting. Drake Custer spoke in favor of franchise fees, he commented cuts to city services may result if fees are not approved. City employee John Reiter asked for a review of his duties before eliminating his position. Andy Whitaker has questions regarding 2019 audit report. Nancy Symmonds inquired about educating the public regarding city finances.

Motion made by Dade, second by Andrews to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Council Workshop & Regular City Council meeting of October 7, 2021;
- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for September 2021;
- Special Event Permit, Keokuk Economic Development Corporation, Live After 5 Networking Event, will be offering alcohol (does not require a liquor license), Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 4-8 p.m. to be held at SE Iowa Development Center, 1417 Exchange Street;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5235-5237;

**Old Business:**

No motion to remove from table an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 1998, and granting to Midstates Natural Gas, its successors, and assigns, a non-exclusive twenty-year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate a natural gas utility in the City of Keokuk, Iowa and to furnish and sell natural gas to the city and its inhabitants, and requiring said company to pay a franchise fee to the City.

No motion to remove from table an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 1830, and granting to Interstate Power and Light Company, its successors, and assigns, a non-exclusive twenty-five-year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate an electric system in the City of Keokuk, Iowa and to furnish and sell electric energy to the City and its inhabitants, and requiring said company to pay a franchise fee to the City.

**New Business:**

Motion to table by Andrews, second by Garcia the reductions as proposed or provide staff with further direction on possible reductions. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O'Connor, second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 309-21:** "A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING AND FIXING A DATE ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$ 5,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF THE CITY OF KEOKUK, STATE OF IOWA (FOR ESSENTIAL CORPORATE PURPOSE), AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dade, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 310-21:** "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020-2021 ANNAUL FINANCE REPORT." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:** Grand Theater Commission final notification: Bob Soule, Jim Wolff, and Kathy Joyce, three-year terms to expire 11/5/2024. Park and Recreation Advisory Board final notification: Peg Vermillion and Richard Moore, three-year terms to expire 11/2/2024. Motion made by Helenthal, second by Dunek to approve appointments. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion to approve resignation of Diane Bramhall McWilliams from City Planning Commission, term to expire 5/14/2023. Motion to approve by Garcia, second by Helenthal. (8) AYES (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Rand Park Pavilion Commission second notification: Kimberly Buerklin, term to expire 10/22/2025. Joe Morgan fulfilling the unexpired term of Michael Albright, term to expire 10/22/2023 (no votes required).

**STAFF REPORTS:** : Community Development Director Broomhall reported on demolition of 422 Main Street. O'Donnell reported on City Hall project including the roof, Per Mar alarm system and covid policy.

There being no further business, Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.