

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 4, 2021**  
**501 Main Street**  
**6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on November 4, 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, Devon Dade, John Helenthal, Steve Andrews, Linda Marsden, 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, Code Enforcement Officer Casey Barnes, and Celeste El Anfaoui as well as other city employees.

**MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE:** Met with Paul Roos of Amjet Turbine Systems and will have a report at the next meeting. Asked for volunteers for the City of Christmas.

**CITIZEN'S REQUEST:** Teresa Murray asked for an update on the UTV/golf cart ordinance. Broomhall said the ordinance is at the attorney's office and will come to the council for approval when complete. Murray reiterated help is needed for the City of Christmas.

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

- Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of October 19, 2021;
- Minutes of the Council Workshop & Regular City Council meeting of October 21, 2021 (note a correction, votes should be 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, & 1 Absent, due to Marsden leaving during citizen's request);
- Minutes of the Keokuk Civil Service Commission meeting of October 25, 2021;
- Keokuk Civil Service Commission Certified list for the Keokuk Police Department;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 311-21:** Approving a Liquor License for Dr. Get Wells Bar & Grill, 1100 Main Street, effective November 24, 2021 – Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5238-5240

**Old Business:**

Motion made by Marsden, second by Helenthal 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7) AYES – Garcia, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Marsden, Bryant, and Dunek.  
(2) NAYS – O'Connor, and Altheide. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Dunek to approve the amended ordinance section 3, paragraph 3.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (6) AYES – Garcia, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Bryant, and Dunek.  
(3) NAYS – O'Connor, Altheide and Marsden. Motion carried.

Motion by Helenthal, second by Garcia to approve the second reading of the amended ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (8) AYES – Altheide, Garcia, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Marsden, Bryant, and Dunek. (1) NAY – O’Connor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Dade to waive the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the amended ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (5) AYES – Altheide, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, and Bryant. (4) NAYS – O’Connor, Garcia, Marsden, and Dunek. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Dunek to adopt and give final approval to amended ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (8) AYES – Altheide, Garcia, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Marsden, Bryant, and Dunek. (1) NAY – O’Connor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Dunek to remove from the 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7) AYES – Garcia, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Marsden, Bryant, and Dunek. (2) NAYS – O’Connor, and Altheide. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dunek, second by Dade to amend the Electric Franchise fee Ordinance, Section 9 to 1.5%.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (8) AYES – Altheide, Garcia, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Marsden, Bryant, and Dunek. (1) NAY – O’Connor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Dunek to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the amended ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (8) AYES – Altheide, Garcia, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Marsden, Bryant, and Dunek. (1) NAY – O’Connor. Motion carried.

Mayor Richardson asked for a motion to waive the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the amended ordinance for the Electric Franchise fee. Died due to lack of motion.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Helenthal to remove from table accepting the reductions as proposed or provide staff with further direction on possible reductions. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Helenthal to approve reductions proposed for the general fund. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

Motion made by Dunek, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 312-21:** “A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH PIERCE FENCE COMPANY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,900.00 FOR THE RIVERVIEW DOG PARK FENCE PROJECT.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dunek, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 313-21**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR SERVICE WITH SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE RIVER FRONT TRAILS GRANT.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Andrews to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 314-21**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by O’Connor to approve the hiring of two Police Officers at the Keokuk Police Department. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Motion** made by Marsden, second by Bryant to appoint Joe Morgan to the Rand Park Pavilion Commission, term to expire 10/22/23 fulfilling Michael Albright’s term. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**Motion** by O’Connor, second by Helenthal to approve the resignation of Ron Schmitt from the Keokuk Municipal Water Works Board of Directors, term to expire 11/01/27. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Dunek, second by Dade to approve the appointment of Tom Crenshaw to the Keokuk Municipal Water Works Board of Directors, term to expire 11/01/27. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:** O’Donnell reported on the following: Open House for new City Hall will be November 17, Covid Policy, and appointment to the Iowa League of Cities Policy Committee.

There being no further business, Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.