

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 2, 2021
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on December 2, 2021 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Thomas L. Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were seven council members present, two absent. Linda Altheide, Devon Dade, John Helenthal, Steve Andrews, Linda Marsden, Roger Bryant (entered after roll call at 5:32 p.m.) and Susan Dunek were present. Mike O'Connor and Roslyn Garcia were absent. 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, and Celeste El Anfaoui.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Encouraged visits to City of Christmas.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Dan Winn inquired about privatizing refuse collection. Chris Happs & Rachel Spellerberg from Interstate Power and Light gave an overview of a project bordering city property. It would involve the city granting an easement for the project.

Motion made by Dade, second by Altheide to approve the agenda, (less Item #12 Airport Rescue Grant, to be brought back at future date) including the consent agenda. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of November 15, 2021;
- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of November 18, 2021;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 321-21:** "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN URBAN REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE FOLLOWING HOMEOWNERS:
 - ◆ James & Ginger Knisley, 3405 Middle Road, renovation /remodel house;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5244-5245;

Motion made by Bryant, second by Helenthal to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 5.20.020 regarding Sanitation fees.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7) AYES – Altheide, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Marsden, Bryant and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dade, second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 322-21:** "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AQUATIC CENTER MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HOERNER YMCA." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 323-21**: “A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FOR THE MAIN STREET PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF KEOKUK, IOWA.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried. (Kira Kruszynski gave an update on Main Street activities).

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 324-21**: “A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 ANNUAL BUDGET.” (7) AYES, (0) AYES. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 325-21**: “A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE CANVAS OF VOTES FOR THE 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2021.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Removed from the agenda: Consider resolution accepting Airport Rescue Grant and authorizing signature (to be brought back at a future date).

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Rand Park Pavilion: Richard West-5-year term to expire 10/22/2023 (2nd notification-no vote required).

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Marsden to approve the final reading to re-appoint Kevin Helmick, Maureen Hutchcroft, Shane Etter and Ted Elting, 5-year terms to expire 10/22/26, to the Rand Park Pavilion Commission. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Dade to accept the resignation of Steve Celania, term to expire 6/1/22, from the Depot Commission. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS: O’Donnell reported on the following: DNR grant to cover lead-based paint/asbestos inspections, swearing in of newly elected officials/council photos, and setting meetings for personnel and ARPA committees.

There being no further business, Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.