

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 1, 2022
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on September 1, 2022 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were nine council members present, none absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Linda Altheide, Roslyn Garcia, Dan Winn, John Helenthal (entered at 5:32), Steve Andrews, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Dan Tillman sworn in after consent agenda to fill 5th Ward. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Water Treatment Plant Manager Tom Wills, Police Chief Dave Hinton, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, Sewer Dept. Manager Michael Clark as well as other city employees.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Updated on events going on in and around Keokuk. With the closing of ADM factory, informed of various employment opportunities, and relayed to citizens she is working hard to come up with options to provide patient emergency care in Keokuk since the shocking news of hospital closing.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Kira Kruszynski updated on Main Street Keokuk. Tony Fox spoke regarding electric utility franchise fee and how it would affect Decker Manufacturing. Marty Fox concerned the city and Alliant Energy will misclassify Decker Manufacturing, stated they are an industrial manufacturer.

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

- Minutes of the Council Workshop & Regular City Council meeting of August 18, 2022;
- Minutes of the Personnel Committee of August 18, 2022;
- Minutes of the Safety Committee of August 25, 2022;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 118-2022** Approving a Liquor License for Dollar General Store #2385, 300 Main Street, effective September 21, 2022 – Class C Beer Permit with Class B Wine Permit & Sunday Sales;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 119-2022** Approving a Liquor License & Ownership Update for American Legion, Keokuk Post #41, 727 Main Street, Class C Liquor License (pending dram);
- **RESOLUTION NO. 120-2022** Approving off premise 5-day Liquor License for Lucky's Irish Pub & Grub, effective September 8-12, 2022 – Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service & Sunday Sales for end of summer band concert (pending application);
- Special Event Permits for two concerts @ the Keokuk Rand Park Pavilion, BYOB for City Park, Friday September 16th & Big Huge, Saturday, September 17th, 2022;

- Special Event Permits for J& M Display, Fireworks for Touchdowns for Keokuk Homecoming, September 23, 2022 @ Keokuk Senior High School;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5292-5294;

Motion made by Winn, second by Helenthal to appoint 5th Ward Council Member.

(8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to remove from table a motion to approve the initial reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018, granting to Interstate Power & 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. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Garcia, second by Crenshaw to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending the employee residency requirements.

Roll Call Vote: (9) AYES – Crenshaw, Altheide, Garcia, Winn, Helenthal, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Crenshaw to waive the third reading of an ordinance amending the employee residency requirements.

Roll Call Vote: (9) AYES – Crenshaw, Altheide, Garcia, Winn, Helenthal, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Altheide to adopt and give final approval of **ORDINANCE NO. 2032** Amending the employee residency requirements. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 121-2022**: “A RESOLUTION ALLOCATING \$ 5,000.00 HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC BAWDEN HOUSE.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Kyle Myers spoke on behalf of Historic Preservation Commission to inform what the money will be utilized for.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Altheide to approve creating a utility position within the Sewer Department to have split duties with the Bridge Department. Discussion was had regarding the creation of position, Roll Call requested.

Roll Call Vote: (4) AYES - Altheide, Winn, Tillman, Bryant. (5) NAYS - Crenshaw, Garcia, Helenthal, Andrews, Greenwald. Motion Failed 4-5.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Helenthal to accept the resignation of At Large Council Member Dan Winn effective September 2, 2022. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Winn, second by Helenthal to fill the At Large vacancy by appointment. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Final notification for Brian Carroll (Eng. Tech) term to expire 9/19/2023, Vacancy (Electrician) term to expire 9/19/2023, Susan Hanan (General) term to expire 9/19/2024, Dave Dye (Plumbing Bldg.) term to expire 9/19/2024, Dev Kiedaisch (Human Rights) term to expire 9/19/2024, Terry Twitchell (Bldg. Cont.) term to expire 9/19/2025 to Building & Housing Advisory Board, 3-year terms.

Motion to approve the above By Garcia, second by Helenthal. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Second notification for Sylvia Mills-Echols to Rand Park Pavilion Commission, 5-year term to expire 10/22/2025.

First notification for Bob McDowell and Janet Linder to Airport Commission, 6-year terms to expire 10/20/2028 & 10/22/28 respectively.

First notification for Doug Bartholomew and Damon Cackley to Rand Park Pavilion Commission, 5-year term to expire 10/22/2027.

STAFF REPORTS: Broomhall updated on community development; Wills reported on digester at WPC and outside interest in ADM property; O'Donnell updated on ADM shutdown and how we plan to bridge the gap from lost revenues. Additionally, he informed of a firm interested in assisting with sale of ADM plant. Hinton stated he has seen increased interest in open positions since hiring requirements for police updated per council.

NEW BUSINESS: Council person Helenthal commented clean up at old Elkem site looking good.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Winn to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.