

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 6, 2022
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on October 6, 2022 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were eight council members present, one At Large vacant. Carissa Crenshaw, Linda Altheide, Roslyn Garcia, John Helenthal, Steve Andrews, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Tom Wills and Fire Chief Gabe Rose.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Informed of events going on in Keokuk and surrounding area.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Kirk Bradenberger of Keokuk Area Convention and Tourism Bureau informed Geode Fest was a huge success. Allison introduced Domestic Violence Intervention Program; Mayor Mahoney read proclamation proclaiming October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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 September 15, 2022;
- Minutes of the Civil Service Committee meeting of September 24, 2022;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 126-2022:** Approving a Liquor License for Aldi, Inc. #15, 3379 Main Street, effective October 22, 2022 – Class C Beer Permit, Class B Winer Permit and Sunday Sales;
- Certified list for the Fire Department Promotional Examination conducted on September 2, 2022;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 127-2022:** Approving an Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Gerald Dommerman, 1320 Grand Avenue, three season room and breezeway;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5297-5300;

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Garcia 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. Motion to amend fee to 2% by Garcia, second by Helenthal.

Roll Call Vote: (6) AYES – Garcia, Helenthal, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald.
(2) NAYS – Crenshaw and Altheide. **6-2 Motion carried.**

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Garcia to approve the first reading of the amended Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote: (6) AYES – Garcia, Helenthal, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald.
(2) NAYS – Crenshaw and Altheide. **6-2 Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Garcia, second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 128-2022**: “A RESOLUTION NAMING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANTS.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 129-2022**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SOUTH 18TH STREET REPAIR.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 130-2022**: “A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A REQUEST TO VACATE & DISPOSE OF A PORTION OF A PLATTED UNIMPROVED ALLEY IN BLOCK 11, HAWKEYE ADDITION, CITY OF KEOKUK, LEE COUNTY, IOWA.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 131-2022**: “A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A REQUEST TO AMEND TITLE 20, OF THE KEOKUK MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 20.30.030(6) FENCES.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 132-2022**: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 923 PALEAN STREET.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 133-2022**: “A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TIME & PLACE TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLANNING GRANT FROM THE IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Greenwald to approve that all open positions funded all or with a portion of General Fund revenues be approved for hire prior to the recruitment process commencing. Council discussed and requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: (2) AYES – Helenthal and Greenwald, (6) NAYS – Crenshaw, Altheide, Garcia, Andrews, Tillman, and Bryant. **2-6 Motion failed.**

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Bryant to approve filling a firefighter position at the Keokuk Fire Department. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Final notification for Bob McDowell to Airport Commission, 6-year terms to expire 10/20/2028. Final notification for Doug Bartholomew to the Rand Park Pavilion

Commission, 5-year term to expire 10/22/2027. Motion to approve by Garcia, second by Greenwald. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Second notification for Jason James to the Rand Park Pavilion Commission, 5-year term to expire 10/22/2025. First notification for Diane Kearns to the Grand Theatre Commission, 3-year term to expire 11/5/2025. First notification for Monica Winkler and Mike Greenslaugh to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board, 3-year term to expire 11/2/2025.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Bryant updated on Great River Regional Waste transfer station.

STAFF REPORTS: Wills informed of 3 bids for digester work at WPC, could be future revenue source once repaired. Broomhall updated on vacant property registry project and city wide clean up results. Helenthal has narrowed the applicant list for sanitation and bridge positions, updated on public works. O'Donnell updated on prospective buyer of ADM plant, possibility of a Rural Emergency Hospital, Urgent Care Facilities revising hours, and EMS/Air Ambulance services. Advised that without local emergent care, more strain falls on police department as they now must transport out of town.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Garcia to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.