

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 17, 2022
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on November 17, 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 absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Linda Altheide, Roslyn Garcia, Shelley Oltmans, John Helenthal, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Steve Andrews was absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Cemetery, Bridge, Parks & Sanitation Manager Bob Weis, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, Sewer Department Manager Michael Clark, and Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Tom Wills.

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

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Teresa Murray spoke on behalf of Keokuk Saddle Club informing of plans to construct a building in the future. Kira Kruszynsk gave an update of upcoming events for Main Street Keokuk.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Garcia to remove Item #13 for agenda. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried. Motion made by Helenthal, second by Garcia to approve the amended agenda, including the consent agenda. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting & Council Workshop of November 3, 2022;
- Minutes of the Civil Service Committee meeting of October 26, 2022;
- Certified list for the Fire Department Promotional Examination conducted on October 7, 2022;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5307-5309;

Mayor Mahoney opened the public hearing at 5:39 p.m. on the implementation of franchise fees on electric utility services. A public hearing notice was published on Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

COMMENTS: Miranda Goings, plant controller at Amsted Rail expressed concerns turning over electric bill for rebate back and asked council to consider locking in fee for specified period.

No further comments were received, Mayor Mahoney closed the public hearing at 5:43 p.m.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Garcia to approve the initial reading of an Ordinance amending the code of Ordinances of the City of Keokuk, Iowa, by modifying provisions of Ordinance No. 2018, the City of Keokuk Electric Franchise, relating to franchise fees.

Discussion on locking in the timeframe of the fee. Motion made by Oltmans, second by Greenwald to amend the ordinance and lock in the fee for 4 years.

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

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Garcia to approve the initial amended Ordinance locking in the fee for 4 years.

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

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Helenthal to approve second reading of Ordinance repealing section 20.60.030 (6) fences and adopting a new section 20.60.030 (6) fences.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Altheide, Garcia, Oltmans, Helenthal, Tillman, Bryant, Greenwald. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Crenshaw to waive the third reading of Ordinance repealing section 20.60.030 (6) fences and adopting a new section 20.60.030 (6) fences.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Altheide, Garcia, Oltmans, Helenthal, Tillman, Bryant, Greenwald. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Helenthal to adopt and give final approval of **ORDINANCE NO. 2033** repealing section 20.60.030 (6) fences and adopting a new section 20.60.030 (6) fences.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Altheide, Garcia, Oltmans, Helenthal, Tillman, Bryant, Greenwald. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Oltmans to approve initial reading of Ordinance establishing a vacant property registry code.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Altheide, Garcia, Oltmans, Helenthal, Tillman, Bryant, Greenwald. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Bryant to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance establishing a vacant property registry code.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Altheide, Oltmans, and Tillman. NAYS – Garcia, Helenthal, Bryant, and Greenwald. (4) AYES, (4) NAYS. Motion failed.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Garcia to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 147-22**: “ A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STREET FINANCING REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 148-22:** “ A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH ITC MIDWEST LLC.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Altheide to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 149-22:** “ A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2021-2022 ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Helenthal to approve Release and Settlement. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Final notification for Amanda Rogers to Rand Park Pavilion Commission, fulfilling a 5-year terms to expire 10/22/2023. Motion made by Garcia, second by Oltmans. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Second notification for Susan Hanan to the Civil Service Commission, fulfilling a 6-year term to expire 4/1/2024.

STAFF REPORTS: Wills informed pre-treatment inspection went well and will soon be accepting formal bids for cleaning of the digester. Broomhall stated Community Health Centers of Southeast Iowa have plans for a medical clinic and they are requesting the alley be vacated, she will set a public hearing. O'Donnell gave updates on Public Works and Chief of Police vacant positions, budget scheduling, City of Christmas, and clean up at ADM plant. Needs to set a meeting with finance committee.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Garcia to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.