

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 7, 2021**  
**500 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on January 7, 2021 at 500 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Thomas L. Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were eight council members present. Mike O'Connor, Linda Altheide, Devon Dade, Steve Andrews, Linda Marsden, and Roger Bryant were present in person. John Helenthal and Susan Dunek were present by phone. Due to the death of Ron Payne 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward is now vacant. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig and Public Works Director Robert Helenthal were present in person. Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Bridge, Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis, Police Chief Dave Hinton and Fire Chief Gabe Rose were present by phone. All measures will be by roll call.

**MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE:** Moment of silence/tribute for Ward 3 Councilman Ron Payne, who passed away December 24<sup>TH</sup>. Read a letter from City of Christmas Committee. Curbside pickup of recycling resumes January 11. Christmas tree pickup will be week of January 18. Discussed Liberty Utility gas rate increase. Thanked city crews for snow removal efforts. Thanked Joe Shuman and volunteers with City of Christmas and asked for help to take down displays.

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

- Minutes of the Council Workshop and Regular City Council meeting of December 17, 2020;
- Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of October 27 and November 24, 2020;
- Minutes of the Civil Service Commission meeting of November 16 and December 21, 2020 including promotional certified list;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 193-21:** Approving a Liquor License for Columbian Room., 11 North 6th, effective January 20, 2021 – Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5184-5186;

Mayor Richardson opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. authorizing notice to property owners of proposed decision to acquire property by condemnation. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on Wednesday, December 30, 2020.

**COMMENTS:** O'Donnell outlined the final steps to acquire the Elkem property. No further comments were received, Mayor Richardson closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Motion made by O'Connor, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 194-21:** "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF 365 CARBIDE LANE THROUGH USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN." (8) AYE, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Altheide to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 195-21:** "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 196-21:** "A RESOLUITON APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ARCHITECT'S COST ESTIMATE, AND FORM OF CONTRACT AND AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR THE CITY HALL PROJECT." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O'Connor, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 197-21:** " A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR PAUL BRUHN RURAL HERITAGE REVITALIZATION GRANT FROM THE STATE OF IOWA." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O'Connor, second by Marsden to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 198-21:** "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (IDNR) IOWA BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:** O'Donnell reported vacancies on the following: Rand Park Pavilion Commission, Grand Theater Commission and Board of Adjustment.

**STAFF REPORT:** Public Works Director Helenthal said he has sent inquiries to the Iowa DOT regarding options for the stoplight at 7<sup>th</sup> and Timea Streets. O'Donnell reported on the following: Covid-19 procedures, budget meetings, Third ward vacancy.

Motion made by Dade, second by Altheide to enter closed session under Code of Iowa Sec. 21.5 (i) To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

Enter closed session at 7:12 p.m.

Re-entered open session at 7:32 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.