

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 15, 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 April 15, 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 nine council members present, none absent. Mike O'Connor, Linda Altheide, Roslyn Garcia, Devon Dade, John Helenthal, Steve Andrews, Linda Marsden, and Roger Bryant were present in person. Susan Dunek was present by phone, Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Bridge, Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis and Water Pollution Control Manager Tom Wills were present in person.

**MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE:** Mayor will represent the city at Liberty Utilities rate increase meeting and meet with EPA and DNR officials regarding sewer separation. Requested volunteers for Earth Day cleanup 4/17 and Tombstone Tune-Up 4/24. Reported phishing emails in his name and asked recipients to be cautious. Noted Keokuk Area Foundation accepts donations for cemetery street improvements.

Motion made by O'Connor, second by Bryant to approve the agenda including the consent agenda. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Special Budget meeting of March 30, 2021;
- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of April 1, 2021;
- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for March 2021;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 241-21:** Approving a Liquor License for Walgreens #05886, 1215 Main Street, effective May 22, 2021 – Class E Liquor License with Class B Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit (carryout beer) and Sunday Sales;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 242-21:** Approving a Tax Rebate for Tri-State Veterinary Services, 1325 Johnson Street;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5202-5203;

Mayor Richardson opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. on plans, specifications, engineer's cost estimate and form of contract for the runway 14/32 lighting project. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on April 1, 2021.

**COMMENTS:** O'Donnell said the following three actions must be taken to move forward with the airport lighting project: Approve low bidder, approve grant application, approve submittal of Task Order #3.

No further comments were received, Mayor Richardson closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Garcia to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 243-21**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING LOW RESPONSIVE BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR AIP 3-19-0050-24 (RECONSTRUCTION RUNWAY 14/32 LIGHTING), SUBJECT TO FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AIP FUNDING.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O’Connor second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 244-21**: “A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUBMITTAL OF FAA AIP 3-19-0050-24 GRANT APPLICATION AND APPROVE EXECUTION OF GRANT OFFER UPON RECEIPT.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Marsden to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 245-21**: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF TASK ORDER NO. 3 WITH McCLURE (CONSULTANT) FOR CONSTRUCTION AND GRANT CLOSEOUT SERVICES REGARDING FAA AIP PROJECT NUMBER 3-19-0050-024.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by O’Connor to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 246-21**: “A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 BUDGET.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 247-21**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT WITH ALHERS & COONEY PC.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Helenthal to approve City Hall project change order. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:** Motion to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Ron Schmitt to fill a vacancy on the Keokuk Municipal Waterworks Board of Trustees by O’Connor, second by Marsden. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Helenthal reported that of their own accord, city employees fixed the little free library window in Rand Park, and Double A donated the glass.

Broomhall reported that a code revision meeting will be held April 27.

O’Donnell reported on the following: New City Hall project, donation of lots at 518 Main, General Fund Committee ground rules/issues, legislative issues, Elkem site prospect, Baymont Motel proposal.

There being no further business, Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.