

KEOSAUQUA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 10th, 2019 - 4:00 P.M.

Council met in Regular Session with the following Council members present: Carol Harlan, Twyla Peacock, Josh Cocherell, and Larry Shipley

Others present: Gary Lee, Virgil Morris, Rusty Ebert, Jake Poling, Matt Dietzman, Jon Thornsberry, Gary Kingsbury

Mayor Hranicka called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

Motion Peacock, seconded Shipley to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion Cocherell, seconded Shipley to approve the minutes from the November 12th and November 25th meetings. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion Shipley, seconded Cocherell to approve **Resolution 38-19 - Appoint Council Member**, appointing Gary Kingsbury to fulfill the council seat vacated by Charles Lazenby. Motion carried 4-0. Kingsbury read and signed the Oath of Office to fill the vacant seat immediately. Kingsbury and Peacock read and signed the Oath of Office for their elected terms starting January 1st, 2020.

Public Forum opened. None

Clerk's Report:

Motion Cocherell, seconded Kingsbury to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to approve Bills for Payment. Motion carried 5-0.

There was no update on the outstanding ICAP claim.

City Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Chambers reported that his staff have been working on the day to day maintenance needs of the City.

Park & Rec Report: Jon Thornsberry presented the Council with a report listing items to consider in preparation for the upcoming ball complex and pool season.

Personnel/Finance Committee Report: Harlan presented the Council with an updated early retirement proposal from Superintendent Chambers. Motion Harlan, seconded Peacock to approve moving forward with drafting and executing a \$60,000 (gross) severance agreement, with a retirement date of December 31st, 2019 for Superintendent Chambers. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolutions/Ordinances for Approval Consideration:

- Motion Peacock, seconded Shipley to approve **Resolution 36-19 – 2020 Employee Wage Resolution**. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Cocherell, seconded Kingsbury to approve **Resolution 37-19 – City Pay Periods**. Motion carried 5-0.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- Animal nuisance at 601 Dodge Street was discussed. City attorney, Nicole Cox, provided Council with history of actions taken on this nuisance and options going forward. Councilman Cocherell to contact owner. Tabled.
- 1st Street City-owned Vacant Lots – setting parameters for selling of lots. Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to remove item from agenda. Motion carried 5-0.
- Plans for City property off J40 was discussed. Motion Cocherell, seconded Shipley to set a public hearing for January 14th at 4:00 PM for sale of property to Keosauqua Light & Power. Motion carried 5-0.

- The Deetz building permit was discussed. Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley for City Clerk to send a letter to Deetz regarding non-compliance with building request, per City attorney's recommendation, and to remove item from the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

- City attorney Cox and attorney Mike Craver discussed City's current zoning ordinance in relation to building codes and provided options on expanding existing language. Motion Shipley, seconded Harlan for City Clerk to draft an ordinance for next council meeting adopting the International Residential Code and Fire Code. Motion carried 5-0.
- Mayor Hranicka informed the Council of the initial determination of the State Auditor's Office on the reported citizen's concerns and the required need for further investigation on said concern(s). The decision between using Anderson, Larkin & Co. P.C. or the State Auditor's Office was discussed. Topic tabled until quotes are received from both parties.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to approve the Tedrow Application for Tax Abatement. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Peacock, seconded Shipley to approve the Flower House liquor license. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Cocherell, seconded Shipley to adjourn at 5:55 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Nichols
City Clerk

Kevin Hranicka
Mayor