

## KEOSAUQUA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - 4:00 P.M.

Council met in Regular Session with the following Council members present: Carol Harlan, Twyla Peacock, and Josh Cocherell. Gary Kingsbury joined the meeting remotely via telephone.

Others present: Carroll Michalek, Gary Lee, Katie Carruthers, Lorrie Deetz, Jake Poling, Virgil Morris, Lynn Whaley, Emily Hobbs, and Rusty Ebert

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

The Public Hearing was opened to receive comments on the Maximum Property Tax Dollars Notice. A question from the public regarding the reason for the Notice was received. Mayor Hranicka explained that the published Notice is a new requirement from the State of Iowa, implemented for cities be more transparent about the amount of taxes requested, and reason why, in the upcoming certified budget process. No other comments or questions were received at the meeting or by the City Clerk.

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

Motion Kingsbury, seconded Cocherell to approve the minutes from the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Public Forum opened.**

- Lynn Whaley from Wemiga Waste introduced himself to the Council and notified them that he is interested in placing a bid for the City's waste removal services. The City's current Waste Management contract expires in 2020.
- Carroll Michalek from Engage Keosauqua presented the Council with a rendering for a pocket park on the vacant lots on 1<sup>st</sup> Street (owned by the City of Keosauqua and the Van Buren Telephone Company) and asked for the Council's permission to move forward with the project. The structures placed in the pocket park would enhance the area but would not be permanent. The structures could be easily removed if the lots were to be sold. Engage Keosauqua has grant money earmarked for the project and will seek additional grants to cover all costs. After completion of the pocket park, the City would be responsible for the maintenance of the City's portion of the park.

Mayor Hranicka moved the 401 Market Street Easement Request item up on the agenda. Lorrie Deetz, owner of property, requested a change in the existing easement to provide for the additional 19.5 inches of construction. Motion Cocherell, seconded Peacock to approve changing the existing easement to allow for the additional 19.5 inches of construction, changing the language in the easement to 'garage' instead of 'carport', and passing financial responsibility of said changes in the easement (attorney fees) to Deetz. Motion carried 3-1. Harlan nay.

### **Clerk's Report:**

Motion Kingsbury, seconded Cocherell to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion Cocherell, seconded Peacock to approve Bills for Payment. Motion carried 4-0.

Clerk Nichols reported that the current ICAP claim with Riverbend is moving forward.

### **City Superintendent's Report:**

Motion Kingsbury, seconded Harlan to approve a building permit for a fence for Treece at 843 Country Lane Road. Motion carried 4-0.

Jake Poling reported that the City maintenance staff have been working on street sign replacements, patching streets, and budget preparation with city clerk. The fence around the lagoons need replaced. He has received quotes on replacing the fence and would like to complete this project when funds allow.

**Park & Rec Report:** Superintendent Poling reported that Matt Walker from French-Reneker-Associates looked at the current state of the swimming pool. Walker determined that, according to the pool plans, the bowing of the walls of the pool was constructed that way and therefore does not need fixed. The maintenance staff will work to seal surface cracks in the pool. Poling also reported that the feet to the pool lift were vandalized and will need to be replaced. Poling and Nichols will write a grant for the funds needed to enclose the pump house to prevent damage from the elements and/or possible vandalism. Poling requested purchasing an ATV and sprayer for the sports complex. He reported that the maintenance staff are working on screened windows for the concession stand. Poling stated he will attend an emergency management meeting later this month.

**Resolutions/Ordinances for Approval Consideration:**

- Motion Harlan, seconded Kingsbury to approve **Resolution 08-20 – FY21 Maximum Property Tax Dollars**. Motion carried 4-0.
- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Cocherell to approve **Resolution 09-20 – Standing Transfer of Funds: LOST & Hotel/Motel to Pool and Sports Complex**. Motion carried 4-0.
- Motion Harlan, seconded Kingsbury to approve **Resolution 10-20 – Financial Support of Area 15 Regional Planning Commission FY21**. Motion carried 4-0.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

- Animal nuisance at 601 Dodge Street was discussed. City attorney is working on next steps. Continuance.
- Proceeding with drafting ordinance adopting International Residential Code was discussed. City waiting on information from attorney. Continuance.
- Animal nuisance at 203 Chestnut Street was discussed. Clerk sent letter to owner and has not received additional concerns. Motion Cocherell, seconded Peacock to table until the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

**New Business:**

- Motion Cocherell, seconded Peacock to approve setting the time and place for the Budget FY21 Hearing to be March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 PM. Motion carried 4-0.
- Motion Cocherell, seconded Harlan to approve Engage Keosauqua to move forward with pocket park on 1<sup>st</sup> Street City-owned vacant lots. Motion carried 4-0.
- Motion Peacock, seconded Kingsbury to approve River View Country Club liquor license request pending dram shop. Motion carried 4-0.
- Motion Harlan, seconded Cocherell to approve Hotel Manning liquor license pending renewal and dram shop. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion Cocherell, seconded Harlan to adjourn at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Katie Nichols  
City Clerk

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Kevin Hranicka  
Mayor