

KEOSAUQUA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 14th, 2020 - 4:00 P.M.

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

Others present: Gary Lee, Kris Rankin, Gene "Cork" Battey, Dan Tedrow, Katie Carruthers, Larry Cook, Lorrie Deetz, Jake Poling, Matt Dietzman, Jon Thornsberry,

Mayor Hranicka called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

Motion Shipley, seconded Cocherell to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Harlan, seconded Shipley to approve the minutes from the December 10th meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Forum opened.

- Dan Tedrow presented the VBC Sheriff's Office Quarterly Report to the council. There were no questions or concerns.
- Kris Rankin presented a Safe Coalition update for the council. In addition, she asked the Council to consider alcohol policies for the City-owned ballfields.
- Lorrie Deetz asked the Council about the denied building permit at 401 Market Street. Council and Deetz discussed the issue. Ms. Deetz was asked to submit an amended building permit for the next council meeting for review by the Council.
- Lorrie Deetz asked the Council if there was an update on the Riverbend building insurance claim. The City Clerk reported that no update has been received. City to contact insurance agent for information on claim.

Clerk's Report:

Motion Shipley, seconded Peacock to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 5-0.

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

There was no update on the outstanding ICAP claim.

City Superintendent's Report: Jake Poling reported that the City maintenance staff have been working on the operational needs of the City. He provided the Council with the list of recurring duties of the maintenance staff. Poling requested that the Council considers purchasing a skid loader for the City, stating that it could be used daily. He's received quotes on new and used skid loaders. No action taken. Poling asked about compensation for City staff obtaining the CPO certification. Harlan stated that the subject has been discussed and it's something the Council will keep in mind.

Park & Rec Report: Jon Thornsberry reported that the first tournament at Ferguson Sports Complex is scheduled for March 28th & 29th. The playground equipment has arrived and Thornsberry would like to use an outside company to install it this spring. He stated that paying the outside company keeps us in budget with all that's necessary to complete the project. Thornsberry and Cocherell discussed progress on the funding and completion of the crows nests at the complex, as well as a request from the Jefferson County Little League to used the fields for the Jefferson County Babe Ruth teams. The need for a rental agreement for the complex, as well as a concession stand manager, was discussed.

Personnel/Finance Committee Report: Harlan introduced **Resolution 06-20 - Appointing City Superintendent**. Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to appoint Jacob (Jake) Poling to City Superintendent at a rate of \$25.07/hour, effective January 15th, 2020. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolutions/Ordinances for Approval Consideration:

- Motion Shipley, seconded Cocherell to approve **Resolution 01-20 – Board/Committee Appointments for 2020**. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Harlan, seconded Peacock to approve **Resolution 02-20 – Official Designations**. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Peacock, seconded Cocherell to approve **Resolution 03-20 – Transfer of funds: LOST to Sports Complex and Pool**. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Peacock to approve **Resolution 04-20 – Transfer of funds: Hotel/Motel Tax to Pool**. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Harlan to approve **Resolution 05-20 – Clerk School Scholarship Support**. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to approve **Resolution 07-20 – Keosauqua Light and Power Land Use of 2-acre parcel off King Ave**. Motion carried 5-0.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- Animal nuisance at 601 Dodge Street was discussed. Council directed City Clerk to contact attorney for next steps. Continuance.
- Plans for City property off J40 was discussed and resolved with the approval and passing of Resolution 07-20.
- Proceeding with drafting ordinance adopting International Residential Code was discussed. City waiting on information from attorney. Continuance.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to engage the work of Anderson, Larkin & Co. P.C. in response to the initial determination of the State Auditor's Office on reported concerns. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to approve setting the time and place for the Max Levy Hearing to be February 11th, 2020 at 4:00 PM. Motion carried 5-0.
- Mayor Hranicka presented the Council with the annual exam report from Anderson, Larkin & Co. P.C. for the 2019 fiscal year. Clerk Nichols commented on the findings and actions put in place to resolve said findings.
- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to direct Clerk to send animal nuisance letter to 203 Chestnut Street. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Cocherell, seconded Peacock to adjourn at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Nichols
City Clerk

Kevin Hranicka
Mayor