

KEOSAUQUA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 12th, 2020 - 4:00 P.M.

Council met in Regular Session with the following Council members present via conference call due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions: Carol Harlan, Twyla Peacock, Josh Cocherell, Gary Kingsbury and Larry Shipley. Others present via conference call: Jake Poling, Kris Rankin, Ron Strah, Scott Younker, Jerry Strah, Jay Goldstein, Jon Thornsberry

Mayor Hranicka called the Public Hearing regarding the FY20 budget amendment open at 4:00 PM. No comments were received during the meeting or made previously at City Hall.

Public Hearing was closed and Regular Session opened at 4:02 PM.

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

Motion Peacock, seconded Shipley to approve the minutes from the April 15th meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Forum opened.

- Kris Rankin from the Van Buren Safe Coalition provided a newsletter and quarterly update. She asked the council if any action has been taken on installing signs regarding alcohol consumption at the City-owned ball fields. Mayor Hranicka responded that no action has been taken by the council on this subject.

Clerk's Report:

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

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

Clerk Nichols received an update from the ICAP claims manager stating that since he has not received any communication by the other parties in the Riverbend claim, he would be closing the case. The case may be reopened at a later date. Nichols also reported that efforts have been made to collect past due accounts through the State of Iowa Offset program, special assessment liens and probate claims. A financial report from an outside vendor has been completed and will be sent to the council later in the week for review.

City Superintendent's Report:

- Motion Shipley, seconded Peacock to approve Charbonneau's building permit for a storage shed at 910 Porter St. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Cocherell to approve Atwood's building permit for a fence at 847 Country Lane Road. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Peacock to approve Wasko's building permit for a fence at 708 Dodge St. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Cocherell, seconded Shipley to approve Brauns' building permit for a fence at 605 Van Buren St. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Cocherell to approve Nichols' building permit for a storage shed across from 701 Van Buren Street. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Poling reported getting estimates for possibly moving the air conditioning unit at City Hall. The current unit sits on the adjacent property and not on City property. The maintenance crew has been working on drainage issues at the sports complex, ditch repairs and minor issues at the pool. Poling reported that Ben Sherrod has asked to re-farm the City property off J40 near the ball diamonds. The City received no bids on this property in the fall. Clerk Nichols to look into the logistics of signing a lease now. Motion Peacock, seconded Harlan to approve letting the Sherrod's farm the lease for one year at the minimum bid of \$170/acre, contingent on it being okay to proceed after the bidding process. Motion carried 5-0.

Park & Rec Report: Superintendent Poling reported getting estimates for spraying, fertilizing and aerating at the sports complex. He is comparing the prices to purchasing the necessary equipment for the maintenance crew to do the work in-house. The council requested multiple quotes for due diligence purposes. Jon Thornsberry asked the council to consider a long-term plan for the ball diamonds downtown. The City is awaiting guidance

from Governor Reynolds on opening the pool. We will perform the necessary preventive maintenance on the pool as we await opening guidelines.

Resolutions/Ordinances for Approval Consideration:

- Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to table **Resolution 12-20 – Setting Time & Place for Public Hearing on 401 Market St Easement**. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Peacock to approve **Resolution 17-20 – Approving Amendment of FY20 Budget**. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Harlan, seconded Shipley to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 168 – Amendment to Billing Charges, Refuse Collection Rates**. Motion carried 5-0.

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 attorney provided information for council to review. Continuance.
- 401 Market Street easement was discussed and tabled until June meeting.
- Ferguson Sports Complex rental agreement documents were reviewed. Motion Shipley, seconded Cocherell to approve agreement pending adding language of a \$100 deposit requirement. Motion carried 5-0.
- Clerk Nichols and Superintendent Poling reported that some progress is being made on the nuisance at 808 Franklin Street. Owner has until the end of May to comply. Continuance.
- Council discussed prohibitive parking ordinance language. Council is to provide suggested additions, changes or deletions to Clerk Nichols by June 1st, 2020 for continued discussion at the June council meeting.

New Business:

- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Cocherell to instruct Clerk Nichols to send nuisance letter to owner and renter of 506 Division Street regarding junk and debris. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Cocherell to approve the change in the Fett Auction street closing request for May 30th, 2020 at Van Buren and 5th Street. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to adjourn at 5:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Nichols
City Clerk

Kevin Hranicka
Mayor