

KEOSAUQUA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 13th, 2020 - 4:00 P.M.

Council met in Regular Session with the following Council members present: Carol Harlan, Twyla Peacock, Gary Kingsbury, Josh Cocherell and Larry Shipley. Others present: Virgil Morris, Kalyn Geary, Sherri Hardin, Rusty Ebert, Jake Poling, Emily Hobbs

Mayor Hranicka opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

The Public Hearing for the vacation of Henry Street and alley adjoining lot 1 and lot 2 in block 11 was opened. No comments were received from those present and the clerk received none prior to the meeting.

The Public Hearing for the conveyance of Henry Street and alley adjoining lot 1 and lot 2 in block 11 was opened. No comments were received from those present and the clerk received none prior to the meeting.

Public Hearings were closed.

Council member Peacock arrived at 4:02 PM

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

Motion Shipley, seconded Harlan to approve the minutes from the September 8th and September 29th meetings. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Forum opened.

- Dan Tedrow provided the Council with the quarterly Sheriff's report.
- Gary Lee was not present but asked clerk to ask if Council would consider waiving liens on a property he's considering purchasing. No action taken.

Clerk's Report:

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

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

City Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Poling updated the Council on memorials, sound system and press boxes at sports complex. The city maintenance crew is working on winterizing city facilities and busting up concrete that will be used for rip rap along riverbank. Poling expressed concerns on the amount of trash built up downtown and not dumped during the fall festival weekend. City received complaints regarding the trash build up. The maintenance crew cleaned up the trash left over from the event.

Resolutions/Ordinances for Approval Consideration:

- Motion Harlan, seconded Peacock to approve **Resolution 26-20 – Tax Abatement Application** – Nichols at 701 Van Buren Street. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Peacock, seconded Cocherell to approve **Resolution 27-20 – Authorizing Conveyance of Henry Street (Wuchter Vacation)**. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Gary to approve **Resolution 28-20 – Iowa Government COVID Relief Fund Reimbursement Request**. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Harlan to waive first and second reading and advance to third and final approval of **Ordinance 171 – Vacation of Henry Street (Wuchter)**. Motion carried 5-0.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- Animal nuisance at 601 Dodge Street was discussed. Continuance.
- Animal and junk/debris/mowing nuisance complaint at 506 Division Street was discussed. Council directed Clerk to send nuisance letter regarding junk/debris/mowing. Letter regarding vicious animal had been sent and owner has until October 16th to remove vicious animals from city limits.

New Business:

- Motion Cocherell, seconded Kingsbury to approve the liquor license renewal for Riverbend Pizza & Steakhouse. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Cocherell, seconded Shipley to approve the liquor license renewal, pending dram shop, for Tillies. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to approve the beer permit renewal, pending application, for Dollar General Store. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Harlan, seconded Cocherell to approve assessing mowing charges to 201 & 203 Chestnut Street. Motion carried 5-0.

- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to approve clerk to send nuisance letter for junk/debris to 201 & 203 Chestnut Street. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to allow residents at 309 Cass Street to keep one canine at residence, provided that the canine remains inside or tethered outside. One more incident of the canine running loose and the animal will need to be removed from city limits. The other two canines at the residence are to be removed from city limits by October 19th, 2020. Representatives of the resident agreed to terms. Motion carried 5-0.
- Painting crosswalks along Highway 1 downtown was discussed. No action taken.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Cocherell to authorize mayor to sign the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to approve utilizing utility software system to prorate utility bills for partial month services. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Harlan to approve October 30th, 2020 as Trick or Treat Night for Keosauqua. Motion carried 5-0.
- Discussion regarding certificate of insurance and contract for those requesting street closures was discussed. Topic tabled.
- Motion Cocherell, seconded Shipley to approve paying \$1,500 this month for a corporate-level membership for the Villages of Van Buren. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Cocherell, seconded Peacock to approve entering into Closed Session of Council at 5:09 P.M., pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Motion carried by 5-0 roll call vote. Motion Harlan, seconded Shipley to exit closed session at 5:47 P.M. Motion carried 5-0.

Council re-entered open session at 5:47 P.M.

- Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to continue discussion with interested parties regarding sale of city property. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Shipley, seconded Peacock to adjourn meeting at 5:49 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Nichols
City Clerk

Kevin Hranicka
Mayor