

KEOSAUQUA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 11th, 2021 - 4:00 P.M.

Council met in Regular Session with the following Council members present: Twyla Peacock, Larry Shipley, and Gary Kingsbury. Absent: Carol Harlan, and Josh Cocherell. Others present: Jake Poling, Misty Crane, Lorrie Deetz, Lisa Carruthers, Jeremy Hissem, Kara McEntee, Ann McBride, Bill & Judy Law, Jay Goldstein, Virgil Morris, Joy Padget, Randy Fowler, Emily Shipley, Chris Wolf, Gary Lee, Rusty Ebert, and Katie Carruthers. Garen Carpenter participated via Zoom.

- Mayor Hranicka opened the meeting at 4:15 PM.

The Public Hearing for increasing water service usage rates was opened. Confirmation of the proposed rates compared to the current rates was given. No concerns were voiced, and the city clerk received no comments prior to the meeting.

Motion Shipley, seconded Peacock to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to approve the minutes from the April 13th & April 19th meetings.

Motion carried 3-0.

Public Forum opened.

- Lisa Carruthers requested that the City consider putting an ordinance for food truck operation in place.
- Newman Family – Memorial Bench for Cathy – no one was present to discuss this item.
- Garen Carpenter and Kara McEntee presented on the Hospital ED & Franklin Street project.
- Chris Wolf requested doing additional improvements to the batting cages at Ferguson Sports Complex. They want to place artificial turf at their expense and need a lime chip base under it. They requested that the City haul the chips and the Van Buren County Community School District agreed to pay for the lime chips. Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to approve. Motion carried 3-0.
- Joy Padget asked if Engage Keosauqua could place a sign at the Ferguson Sports Complex. Motion Shipley, seconded Peacock to approve. Motion carried 3-0.
- Joy Padget discussed the Rolling on the River event and requested trash and recycling bins for the event.
- Joy Padget and Bill Law presented plans for a State Line Rally event to be held on September 17 and 18, 2021. They requested permission to host tent camping across the River and to hold motorcycle rodeo events at the old ball diamonds. Approximately 500 people are expected to attend. They will take care of all the setup, porta potties, trash & cleanup themselves. The Council tabled this item and requested that they submit a map and a schedule of events proposed to be held on City property for further consideration.
- Jeremy Hissem presented for the Van Buren County Community School District requesting to have a bus stop at the Ferguson Sports Complex starting next school year. The council tabled this item until Jeremy can get more information about the current stops from his transportation manager.

Clerk's Report:

Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to approve Bills for Payment. Motion carried 3-0.

City Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Poling

- Building Permit – Johnson – Sidewalk and patio at 407 1st Street – Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to approve. Motion carried 3-0.
- Building Permit – DeHart – Deck at 307 Market Street – Motion Shipley, seconded Peacock to approve. Motion carried 3-0.
- Building Permit – Crabill – Driveway and Porch/Deck at 200 2nd Street – Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to approve. Motion carried 3-0.
- Building Permit – Cronk – Porch/Deck and Driveway at 407 W Van Buren Street – Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to table until Poling talks with Cronk regarding the 5-foot setback that is needed. Motion carried 3-0.
- Superintendent Poling updated the Council on various maintenance activities.

Resolutions/Ordinances for Approval Consideration:

- Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to approve **Ordinance 173 – Amendment to Billing Charges, Water Rates (first reading)**. Motion carried 3-0.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- Personnel Policy Handbook Review – Motion Shipley, seconded Peacock to table discussion until next meeting – Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

- Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to send Nuisance Abatement letter and post mowing letter for 506 Division Street – Nuisance Complaint – Trash and Mowing. Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to send a letter for 103 1st Street – Nuisance Complaint – Junk and Junk Vehicles requesting the situation be remedied. Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to send a letter for 912 Country Lane Dr - Nuisance Complaint – Dog at large and excreting in other’s yards requesting the situation be remedied. Motion carried 3-0.
- Carr Apartments – Deck addition 801 4th Street to be tabled until Poling can have a conversation with them and report his findings.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Peacock to approve a job posting for hiring a part time Deputy Clerk. Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to approve Open Swim day – May 26th from 1 – 5 or 2 – 6, to be sponsored by First Iowa State Bank. Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Peacock to approve Youth Community Service. Motion carried 3-0.
- Ferguson Donor Recognition Plaque tabled until next meeting.
- Motion Peacock, seconded Shipley to approve 4-wheeler purchase at \$1,900. Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion Peacock, seconded Shipley to approve Liquor License – Rotary Rolling on the River Event pending Dram Shop approval. Motion carried 3-0.
- Refrigerator – Ferguson Sports Complex – no action taken.

Motion Shipley, seconded Peacock to adjourn meeting at 5:55 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Harward
City Clerk

Kevin Hranicka
Mayor