

KEOSAUQUA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 09, 2018 - 4:00 P.M.

Council present: Dave Atwood, Carol Harlan, Chuck Lazenby, Twyla Peacock, and Larry Shipley.

Others present: Rusty Ebert, Stan Whitten, Cody Chambers, Dan Tedrow, Lisa Plecker, Kris Rankin, Melissa Mahon, Carroll Michalek, Randy Besick, Linda Mott, Gary Lee, and Samantha DaVolt.

Mayor Hesler called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

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

Mayor Hesler opened the public hearing regarding Re-Codification at 4:01 pm. Mayor Hesler asked for oral or written comments concerning Re-codification. Lazenby was concerned some Ordinances were not passed correctly. No councilpersons agreed. There were no other oral or written comments and the public hearing was closed at 4:03 pm.

Motion Shipley, seconded Peacock to approve the December 12, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Kris Rankin and Lisa Plecker presented the council with a Safe Coalition update. They also asked the council if they would be interested in an Alcohol Restriction Policy for public places in Keosauqua and if they would like the help of the Safe Coalition in implementing this policy. The Council will add this to the February agenda.

Sherriff, Dan Tedrow, presented the Council with an update from the Van Buren County Sherriff's Office. He notified the Council that he asked the County Board of Supervisors for an increase in staff by one deputy. He explained that there has been a very large increase in calls.

Carroll Michalek and Melissa Mahon presented the Council with an Engage Keosauqua update. They invited the Council to attend Creative Placemaking visioning sessions with McClure Engineering on January 17th.

City Administrator, Padget, presented the council with the Treasurer's Report and Bills for Payment.

Motion Shipley, seconded Harlan to approve Bills for Payment and Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 5-0.

Padget also provided the Council with a Sport's Complex Update, explaining that the committee has met recently and is working on tweaking the concession stand plans to fit our budget.

Motion Peacock, seconded Lazenby to approve accommodations for River Rumble in downtown Keosauqua on July 28, 2018. Motion carried 5-0.

City Superintendent, Jim Chambers, presented the Council with a Lift Station Update, explaining that the construction will begin in March.

Motion Shipley, seconded Harlan to approve work to be completed at 507 Dodge Street to correct land settlement by reinforcing the baskets. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Shipley, seconded Lazenby to approve **Resolution 01-08 Official Designations**. Lazenby had some concerns about this Resolution, stating that each official designation should be separated out into its own Resolution. Lazenby believes a Keosauqua attorney should be used. Motion carried 4-1 (Lazenby nay).

Resolution 02-18 Potable Water Agreement was tabled to next month's meeting due to unavailability of approved Resolution from City of Fairfield.

Motion Lazenby, seconded Atwood to approve **Resolution 03-18 Tax Abatement for Matt and Nasseem Hesler**. Motion carried 5-0.

Lazenby introduced **ORDINANCE 161 – Title I – Chapter 3 – Amendment Concerning Penalties by Deletion of Presently Existing Penalty Provisions and Substitution of New and Different Criminal Penalty and Civil Penalty- Municipal Infraction Penalty**, and moved to waive the second reading and approve its third reading for passage. Shipley seconded. In roll call vote was 5-0 to approve the final reading.

City Administrator, Joy Padget, updated the Council on the 607/611 1st Street Asbestos Inspection. She stated that the DNR has reimbursed the City for supplemental inspection to rule out the presence of asbestos. Padget is working with the DNR on a plan and cost for removal of the two buildings.

Nuisance at 1208 First Street was discussed by Council. The property has made progress and property owner has expressed they will continue to clean up.

Nuisance at 1105 Second Street was discussed by Council. City Clerk will call property owner.

Nuisance at 201 Chestnut Street was discussed by Council. Council discussed options for cleaning up property.

Nuisance at Pleasant Hill Subdivision was discussed. The issue of a dog running at large seems to be resolved.

Nuisance at 601 Franklin Street has been resolved.

Nuisance at 107 Monroe street was discussed by Council. Motion Lazenby, seconded Harlan to write a letter to owner of vicious dog explaining that if the dog can not be confined by a kennel within 7 days then it will be removed from City limits. Motion carried 5-0.

Nuisance at Riverbend was discussed. Motion Shipley, seconded Atwood to send a letter explaining façade is to be completed per City Code. Motion carried 4-1 (Lazenby nay).

Council discussed ownership of the old Indian Hills building. Closing date has not been set yet, we are waiting from Indian Hills' attorney to contact us.

Motion Atwood, seconded Shipley to approve Farm Lease for Myron Thornberg in the amount of \$120 per acre for 11.7 acres totaling \$1404. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Shipley, seconded Peacock to approve Farm Lease for Dave Sherrod in the amount of \$130 per acre for 2.5 acres totaling \$325. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council set the date and time for the **Public Hearing regarding FY18 Budget to be February 13, 2018 at 4:00pm.**

Motion Shipley, seconded Atwood to approve not pursuing establishing the alley by Puett Street. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Shipley, seconded Atwood to approve sending of letter to abate Nuisance at 807 Division Street. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Shipley, seconded Atwood to approve cleaning up property at 504 Market Street and assessing the charges to their property taxes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Lazenby, seconded Peacock to approve Liquor License for the River View Country Club. Motion carried 4-0 (Atwood abstained).

The Council discussed Council, Mayor, and Employee responsibilities.

Motion Lazenby, seconded Harlan to adjourn at 5:13 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Padget
Keosauqua City Clerk

Nasseem Hesler
Mayor