

KEOSAUQUA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 9th, 2021 - 4:00 P.M.

Council met in Regular Session with the following Council members present: Carol Harlan, Twyla Peacock, Larry Shipley, Josh Cocherell, and Gary Kingsbury via teleconference. Others present: Jake Poling, Rusty Ebert, Seth Robertson, Dale House, and Katie Carruthers

Mayor Hranicka opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

The Public Hearing for Maximum Property Tax Levy was opened. Katie Carruthers asked that the Council not increase the property tax rate from the current rate. No other comments were received from those present and the clerk received none prior to the meeting.

Motion Harlan, seconded Cocherell to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion Kingsbury, seconded Harlan to approve the minutes from the January 12th meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Forum opened. Dale House inquired with the council about placing a memorial bench at Ferguson Sports Complex in honor of his father.

Clerk's Report:

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

Motion Harlan, seconded Cocherell to approve Bills for Payment. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Harward informed the council of a 3.19% decrease in Health Premiums for 2021.

City Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Poling updated the Council on the sports complex and pool activities. He also discussed snow removal activity.

Councilman Cocherell updated the Council on the Park and Receptions Committee meeting regarding the 2021 Pool & Ferguson Sport Complex operations. Motion Cocherell, seconded Harlan to approve moving forward with a lead lifeguard at the pool and hiring a seasonal part time Concession Manager for the Ferguson Sports Complex. Motion carried 3-0.

Resolutions/Ordinances for Approval Consideration:

- Motion Harlan, seconded Cocherell to approve **Resolution 5-21– FY22 Maximum Property Tax Resolution** - Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Harlan to approve **Resolution 6-21 – Setting Time and Place of Hearing for Vacation - Lots 5&6, Block 49 and Lots 7&8, Block 50** – Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Harlan to approve **Resolution 7-21 – Setting Time and Place of Hearing for Conveyance - Lots 5&6, Block 49 and Lots 7&8, Block 50** – Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion Harlan, seconded Kingsbury to approve **Resolution 8-21 – Board/Committee Appointments – 2021** – Motion carried 3-0.

Councilperson Shipley entered the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

- Motion Shipley, seconded Cocherell to approve **Resolution 9-21 – Setting Time and Place of Hearing on FY22 Budget** – Motion carried 4-0.
- Motion Cocherell, seconded Shipley to approve **Resolution 10-21 – Area 15 Regional Planning Committee Support** – Motion carried 4-0.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- Animal nuisance at 601 Dodge Street discussion was moved to closed session.
- 201 & 203 Chestnut Street – abandonment real estate purchase agreement draft – No Action was taken

New Business:

- Street Closing Request – portions of Market Street, Van Buren Street & Front Street – event 5/22/2021. Motion Shipley, seconded by Cocherell to approve Street Closing, contingent on notifying and receiving acknowledgement from Julie's Riverfront Cut 'N Curl – Motion carried 4-0
- Animal nuisance at 506 Division Street discussion was moved to closed session.
- County Road J40 Resurfacing was discussed and the Council was informed that it has been included in FY22 Budget Planning.
- Des Moines River Water Trail Enhancements – Update on additional funding needed given

Councilperson Peacock entered the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

- VBC Hospital Franklin Street Improvement – Update given
- Revised VBC Schools 28e Agreement – Ferguson Sports Complex – Update given
- Revised Little League Licensed Agreement – Ferguson Sports Complex – Update given

City Attorney Cox entered the meeting via teleconference call.

Motion Shipley, seconded by Cocherell to approve entering into Closed Session of Council at 4:52 p.m., pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Motion carried by 5-0 roll call vote. Motion Harlan, seconded by Peacock to exit closed session at 5:26 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Council re-entered open session at 5:26 p.m.

Motion Cocherell, seconded Harlan to approve the removal of Animal Nuisance – 601 Dodge Street and Animal Nuisance – 506 Division Street from the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Shipley, seconded Cocherell to adjourn meeting at 5:28 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Harward
City Clerk

Kevin Hranicka
Mayor