

## KEOSAUQUA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 4:00 P.M.

Council met in Regular Session with the following Council members present: Carol Harlan, Josh Cocherell, Gary Kingsbury, Twyla Peacock, and Chuck Lazenby. Others present: Matt Dietzman, Jon Thornsberry, Brad Hudson, Dan Druvenga, Sherry Swalin, Jay and Linda Goldstein, Debbie Tedrow, Joy Padget, Richard Nichols, Merian Harris, and Gary Lee.

- Mayor Mahon opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

**The Public Hearing for Conveyance of Street/Alley (School) – All Alley Block 44, 53, 54, 63, Henry Street North Line of Block 63 to North Line of Block 43 and 44, 5th Street at East Line of Henry to the West Line of Chestnut** was opened. No public comments were received, and the Clerk did not receive any prior.

- Motion Cocherell, seconded Peacock to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Harlan to approve the minutes from the Mar 8<sup>th</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>, and April 5<sup>th</sup> meetings. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Public Forum opened.**

- Brad Hudson provided the council with the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office Quarterly Report.
- Danita Yoder – alley purchase – no one was present
- Joy Padget discussed possibly making Van Buren St to Front Street in front of the hotel and Julie's Riverfront Cut n' Curl a one way street. No action taken.
- Linda Goldstein asked about the status of the Art Ovrom Bridge – Bridge was taken out of commission after heavy rain fall damaged it and it was unsafe to use.

### **Clerk's Report:**

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

### **City Superintendent's Report:**

Dietzman – reported on the following building permits.

- Building Permit: McLain – Fence at 1001 Front Street – Motion Lazenby, seconded Cocherell to approve. Motion carried 5-0.
- Building Permit: Druvenga – House moving/adding basement at 606 Market Street – Motion Cocherell, seconded Lazenby to table until Dan checks with his neighbors. Motion carried 5-0.
- Building Permit: Stecker – Wheelchair ramp at 832 Country Lane Road – Motion Kingsbury, seconded Lazenby to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

**MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES** – Dietzman updated on the progress for the Water tower and Sewer quotes.

- a) LL Pelling Annual Resurface Quotes – Motion Peacock, seconded Kingsbury to approve. Motion carried 5-0.
- b) School Community Clean-up Day has been set for April 20<sup>th</sup> and they will help paint fire hydrants, swing sets, and rocket slide for the City.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** Councilperson Harlan updated the council on their recommendation for Superintendent and Councilperson Cocherell will be reaching out for mowing bids to bring to the council.

### • **Resolutions/Ordinances for Approval Consideration:**

- Motion Lazenby, seconded Cocherell to approve **RES 25-22 – Tax Abatement Request – Joey Reese.** Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Lazenby, seconded Kingsbury to approve **RES 26-22 – Street/Alley Vacation (Hospital) - Resetting Hearing on Vacation – May 10, 2022, at 4 p.m.** Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Harlan to approve **RES 27-22 - Street/Alley Vacation (Hospital) - Resetting Hearing on Conveyance – May 10, 2022, at 4 p.m.** Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Harlan, seconded Cocherell to approve **RES 28-22 - (Henry St. Alley) School - Res Authorizing Conveyance.** Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Lazenby to approve **RES 29-22 - Appointing Superintendent and Setting Wage.** Motion carried 5-0.

### **Old/Unfinished Business:**

- Motion Lazenby, seconded Cocherell to remove 1500 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Peacock, seconded Cocherell to approve revising the Personnel Policy Handbook for the Health Insurance coverage for family. Motion carried 4-1, Lazenby voted nay.

**New Business:**

- Motion Cocherell, seconded Kingsbury to approve Chamber - Street Closure and Riverfront Park usage. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Cocherell, seconded Peacock to approve the Van Buren County Fair Beer Permit if we are the local authority but should be under Van Buren County since it is outside of City Limits. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Peacock to approve Wasko – Street Closure Request. Motion carried 5-0.
- Safe Coalition Flyer was reviewed for reference.
- June 30, 2021, City Examination Report was reviewed and discussed.
- Richard Nichols presented possible changes to the Riverview Club Lease. Motion Cocherell, seconded Harlan to table for additional research and information. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Lazenby, seconded Peacock to approve Town and Country – Street Closure Request. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Lazenby, seconded Cocherell to approve for the mayor to sign and submit the VBCH Grant Support Letter. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion Cocherell, seconded Kingsbury to adjourn meeting at 5:37 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Missy Harward  
City Clerk

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Melissa Mahon  
Mayor