

KEOSAUQUA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 11th, 2023 - 4:00 P.M.

Council met in Regular Session with the following Council members present: Carol Harlan, Josh Cocherell, Gary Kingsbury, Chuck Lazenby (by phone), and Twyla Peacock. Absent: Mayor, Melissa Mahon. Others present: Jon Thornsberry, Virgil Morris, Michelle Eiermann, Mike McClure, Colin Smith, Kris Rankin, Joey Reese, Dave Adams, Kara McEntee, and Gary Lee.

- Council member Cocherell -he was appointed by the mayor to officiate due to her absence and the Mayor Pro-Tem needing to leave early- opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

The Public Hearing for FY23 Budget Amendments was opened. No comments were received from those present and the clerk received none prior to the meeting. Public hearing closed at 4:01 p.m.

The Public Hearing for Zoning Amendments was opened. No comments were received from those present and the clerk received none prior to the meeting. Public hearing closed at 4:01 p.m.

The Public Hearing on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Street Improvement Loan Agreement was opened. No comments were received from those present and the clerk received none prior to the meeting. Public hearing closed at 4:01 p.m.

Motion Kingsbury, second Lazenby to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Harlan, second Kingsbury to approve the minutes from the March 14th Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Forum opened.

- Colin Smith provided the council with the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office Quarterly Report.
- Kris Rankin gave an update for the Safe Coalition.
- Kara McEntee talked about the EMS Grant they were applying for and asked for a letter of support. Motion Cocherell, second Lazenby to approve for the mayor to sign a letter of support for the Grant. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk's Report:

- * Motion Kingsbury, second Harlan to approve Treasurer's Report and Bills for Payment. Motion carried 5-0.

City Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Dietzman reported on the following building permits.

- Building Permit: Mike McClure/Circle B – Gas Station at 111 Main St.– Motion Kingsbury, second Peacock to approve. Motion carried 5-0. Motion Cocherell, second Kingsbury to approve with Variance for tanks and dispenser setbacks. Motion carried 4-0.
- Building Permit: Cecil Hamberg – Cover for Deck at 203 Monroe St. – Motion Harlan, second Kingsbury to approve. Motion carried 4-0.
- Building Permit: Melody Stephens – dog fence at 306 Market St. – Motion Kingsbury, second Harlan to approve. Motion carried 5-0.
- Building Permit: Josh & Maggie Cocherell – house at 849 Country Lane Rd. – Motion Harlan, second Lazenby to approve. Motion carried 4-0 with Cocherell abstaining.
- Building Permit: Engage Keo – Hydrant/plants/trees at 613 1st St.- Tabled for more information.
- Building Permit Renewal: Maureen Sedlacek – Driveway at 511 Van Buren St.-Motion Lazenby, second Harlan to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Activities -

- a) Motion Kingsbury, second Harlan to approve the Angry Bear Boat Dock Quote. Motion carried 5-0.
- b) Motion Lazenby, second Cocherell to approve Spillway for the North Water Tower color. Motion carried 5-0.

Park And Recreation

- Asst Superintendent Thornsberry talked about applying for a grant to enclose the batting cages. He will get a quote and get more information.
- He also discussed the failing pollinator plots and how to proceed with them.

Resolutions/Ordinances for Approval Consideration:

- Motion Harlan, second Peacock to approve the 1st reading of **ORDINANCE 179** – Zoning Amendment. Motion carried 5-0. Motion Kingsbury, second Harlan to waive the 2nd & 3rd readings. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Kingsbury, second Harlan to approve **RES 12-23 –FY23 Budget Amendment Adoption**. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Lazenby, second Harlan to approve **RES 13-23 – Tax Abatement (Circle B)**. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Harlan, second Kingsbury to approve **RES 14-23 – Resolution taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Street Improvement Loan Agreement**. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Peacock, second Kingsbury to approve **RES 15-23 – Tax Abatement (Danita Yoder)**. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Harlan left the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- 404 Main Street Past due Inv and sewer repair was discussed. Motion Lazenby, second Peacock to table until all the parties can meet to discuss. Motion carried 5-0.
- Lee – City Lease agreement for the lot by Riverbend was discussed. Motion Lazenby, second Kingsbury to approve to proceed without the daily time allotments and fees covered would be legal and yearly fee. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

- Motion Peacock, second Kingsbury to approve the Engage Keo – Street Closure Request. Motion carried 3-0 with Lazenby abstaining.
- Rathbun's water rate increase was discussed.

Motion Cocherell, second Lazenby to adjourn meeting at 5:10 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Harward
City Clerk

Melissa Mahon
Mayor