

KEOSAUQUA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 15th, 2020 - 4:00 P.M.

Council met in Regular Session with the following Council members present via conference call due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions: Carol Harlan, Twyla Peacock, Josh Cocherell, Gary Kingsbury and Larry Shipley. Others present via conference call: Jake Poling, Virgil Morris, Lynn Whaley, Ron Strah, Scott Younker, Gary Strah, Jay Goldstein, Wayne Strah

Mayor Hranicka called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

The Public Hearing for budget amendment FY20 was removed from the agenda.

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

Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to approve the minutes from the March 10th meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Forum opened.

- Printed copy of the quarterly report from Sheriff's Office was provided to Council. No questions or concerns presented. Representative from Sheriff's Office was not present on the call.
- Ronald Strah asked the council what the objection was to hooking his RV up to the sewer lines on his lot within city limits. The mayor and council responded that the objection is due to it being in violation of a City of Keosauqua ordinance. Sewer lines must be hooked up to permanent structures.
- Scott Younker addressed the council with his concerns about Keosauqua becoming a campground if RVs can be parked and hooked up to utilities within city limits. He requested that the council consider ordinances prohibiting RV parking to avoid diminished land values of neighboring lots.
- Lynn Whaley from Wemiga Waste joined the council meeting via conference call to be present for the Resolution 16-20 discussion.
- James West requested to be on the agenda to discuss tuck pointing at 703 1st Street ,but was not present.

Clerk's Report:

Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Harlan, seconded Kingsbury to approve Bills for Payment and holding Ardent bill payment, pending depreciation receipt from ICAP. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Nichols has not received an update from ICAP on the insurance claim.

City Superintendent's Report:

- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Peacock to approve Yoder's building permit for a storage shed at 609 Main St. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Cocherell, seconded Peacock to approve Yochum's building permit for a fence at 500 2nd Street. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Cocherell to approve DeHart's building permit for a storage shed at 510 Cass St. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to approve Lee's building permit for a fence at 203 Main St. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Poling reported that the maintenance staff has been working on ditching and patching. He met with an LL Pelling rep who advised Poling on the type of street work that should be done for the budget previously approved by the council. Poling reported that a new meter was installed within Mike Winslow's building (old fire station) where there was not previously a meter. Winslow was being charged off of a neighboring meter. Poling and Clerk Nichols audited all meters to ensure there was no other duplication of meters within the water meter system. Poling suggests monitoring Winslow's usage for two months to determine if a credit for overpayment is due. He also suggests helping with installation costs of the meter as installing it inside prevented tearing into the street and sidewalk. Poling reported that he's received a complaint of junk and debris at the Strayer residence. Nuisance complaint to be added to May's agenda. The boat dock is in and the staff has started mowing. They removed the dilapidated roofs of dugouts at the old ball diamonds.

Park & Rec Report: Superintendent Poling reported that bleacher roofs were installed at the sports complex. Ardent finished the light repair from last year's hailstorm and the city staff finished the playground mulching and border. Poling asked the council for support to switch chemical companies for the pool due to ease of maintenance and lower costs. Poling outlined pool projects forthcoming, including minor plumbing, chair lift repairs and installation of drain covers.

Personnel Committee Update: Hiring new position is on hold due to Governor Reynolds' restrictions relating to COVID-19 pandemic and the effects of it on the sports complex and pool operations.

Resolutions/Ordinances for Approval Consideration:

- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Peacock to table **Resolution 12-20 – Setting Time & Place for Public Hearing on 401 Market St Easement.** Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Harlan, seconded Shipley to approve **Resolution 15-20 – Setting Public Hearing for Amendment of FY20 Budget.** Motion carried 5-0.
- Council reviewed waste disposal quotes from Sedore Sanitation, Waste Management, and Wemiga Waste. Motion Kingsbury, seconded Harlan to accept the Waste Management quote, pending a reduction in yearly increase from 4% to 3% and to offer residents the option of a 64 or 96 gallon recycling tote. Motion carried 5-0. Motion Kingsbury, seconded Harlan to approve **Resolution 16-20 – Accepting Quote for Waste Disposal Contract.** Motion carried 5-0.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- Animal nuisance at 601 Dodge Street was discussed. City attorney is working on next steps. Continuance.
- Proceeding with drafting ordinance adopting International Residential Code was discussed. City attorney provided information for council to review at May meeting. Continuance.
- 401 Market Street easement was discussed and tabled until May meeting.
- Ferguson Sports Complex rental agreement documents were reviewed. Council asked staff to research adding a deposit requirement. Continuance.
- Motion Cocherell, seconded Peacock to approve the 28E agreement with Van Buren County Community High School, pending Clerk Nichols' requested change. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Harlan, seconded Peacock to approve the Van Buren Telephone Co. lease agreement for pocket park and ICAP attorney review. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

- Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to instruct Clerk Nichols to send letter to owner of 808 Franklin Street regarding junk, debris and vicious animal complaints. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Cocherell to approve tax abatement request for Rick Michalek for the Keosauqua airport hangar. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Harlan, seconded Peacock to approve Anderson Larkin engagement letter for FY20 exam and to authorize mayor to sign documents. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Peacock, seconded Kingsbury to increase City's excess insurance liability coverage from 1 million to 3 million dollars effective May 1st, 2020. Motion carried 5-0.
- Potential prohibitive parking ordinance language was reviewed by the council. Council instructed Clerk Nichols to add ordinance draft with such language to May's meeting.

Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to adjourn at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Nichols
City Clerk

Kevin Hranicka
Mayor