

## KEOSAUQUA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 4:00 P.M.

Council met in Regular Session with the following Council members present: Twyla Peacock, Larry Shipley, Carol Harlan, Josh Cocherell, and Gary Kingsbury. Others present: Jake Poling, Virgil Morris, Geraldine & Rick Robinson, Kris Rankin, Jerry Owens, Brad Hudson, Dan Druvenga, Dave McKinney, and Rusty Ebert.

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

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

Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to approve the minutes from the June 8<sup>th</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup>, and June 23<sup>rd</sup> meetings. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Public Forum opened.**

- Kris Rankin updated the council on the Safe Coalition activities.
- Jerry Owens – Ferguson Sports Complex parking issues on his property – requested the council find solutions by next season.
- Dan Druvenga – requested to purchase his side of the alley by 606 Market Street. Superintendent Poling will research it.
- Geraldine Robinson – Memorial Bench request by the river. Superintendent Poling will research locations.

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

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

Motion Harlan, seconded Shipley to approve Bills for Payment. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Superintendent Poling

- Building Permit: Strah – Storage shed at 402 2nd Street #3 – Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to approve with the additional stipulation to move it to meet the 25-foot setback. Motion carried 5-0.
- Building Permit: Orr – Storage shed at 816 Country Lane Road – Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to deny and Superintendent Poling to talk to him about alternate options. Motion carried 5-0.
- Superintendent Poling updated the Council on various maintenance activities.

### **Personnel Committee's Report:**

Councilwoman Harlan updated the council on the Deputy Clerk interviews and recommendation for hiring Sherry Swalin. She also recommended a 6-month wage increase for Clerk Harward.

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

- Motion Kingsbury, seconded Shipley to approve **RES 22-21- Amending Official Designations.** Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Cocherell to approve **RES 23-21 – Wage Increase – Harward.** Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Peacock to approve **RES 24-21 - Appointing Deputy Clerk and Setting Wage.** Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion Cocherell, seconded Kingsbury to approve and authorize the mayor to sign the Stantec Proposal **RES 25-21 – River Trail-Resolution Authorizing Approval (Stantec).** Motion carried 5-0

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

- Motion Peacock, seconded Cocherell to approve Van Buren County Community School District – Bus Stop at Ferguson Sports Complex. Motion carried 5-0.
- State Line Rally no one present – no action taken.
- Motion Cocherell, seconded Kingsbury to approve removing the 506 Division Street Nuisance Complaint from the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.
- Ferguson Sports Complex Donor Recognition Plaque update given. Council to research ideas given.
- Osborne's Station Update given.

### **New Business:**

- Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to send a letter for proper mowing - 1310 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Motion carried 5-0.

- Motion Peacock, seconded Cocherell to table the Lee Pharmacy – Requesting a Handicap Parking sign in front of their store request until Peacock can have a discussion with them. Motion carried 5-0.
- Mulberry Street Curb and Gutter discussed.
- Ovrom Bridge – Council requested staff to file damage claim in with our insurance carrier.
- Water Pit Installation Cost – Council requested staff to prepare an Ordinance revision.
- Motion Shipley, seconded Kingsbury to send a letter for building disrepair - 304 Cass Street – Nuisance – Dilapidated building. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Shipley, seconded Harlan to adjourn meeting at 5:42 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Missy Harward  
City Clerk

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Kevin Hranicka  
Mayor