

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 21, 2024
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on November 21, 2024, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were nine council members present, none absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Tyler Walker, Roslyn Garcia, Dorothy Cackley, Devon Dade, Steve Andrews, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Emmanuel Bellegarde, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Public Works Director Brian Carroll, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Water Pollution Control Manager Tom Wills, Police Chief Zeth Baum, Assistant Police Chief Andrew Whitaker, Bridge, Cemetery, Park & Sanitation Manager Bob Weis, Street Department Manager Tom Beard, and Keokuk Municipal Airport Manager Raymond Ott.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Informed about upcoming local events; a letter was read from Kathy Dinger, on behalf of the KCSO, expressing gratitude to the City Council for considering the bleacher request. Announced City of Christmas opening along with concerns about vandalism. Concluded with wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Teresa Murray, President of the Keokuk Saddle Club, provided an update on the organization's activities and events, requested the City Council to consider installing a fire hydrant in Joyce Park, and the process to add a turning lane from the southbound lane into the park. Mike Albright requested handicap designated parking in front of The American Legion; Drake Custer spoke in favor of the market adjustment for the Keokuk Police Department.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Dade to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda.

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of November 7, 2024;
- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for October 2024;
- Resignation of John Shields from the Veterans Memorial Commission, effective immediately;
- Resignation of Becky Crenshaw and Donna Peevler from the Historic Preservation Commission, effective immediately;
- Appointment of Victor Mickunas to the Historic Preservation Commission, fulfilling a term to expire September 1, 2025;
- Appointment of Sarah Mackie to the Rand Park Pavilion Commission, fulfilling a term to expire October 22, 2026;
- Special Event Permit for Laysha Kolus, Christmas Treasure Market, Keokuk Union Depot, December 14 & 15, 2024;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5439-5441;

Motion made by Garcia, second by Tillman to approve the initial reading of an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Keokuk, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to residency of sworn police officers.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Walker, Garcia, Cackley, Dade, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. (8) AYES, (1) NAYS - Cackley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Andrews to waive the 2nd & 3rd reading of the Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote: (5) AYES –Walker, Garcia, Dade, Andrews, and Tillman. (4) NAYS – Crenshaw, Cackley, Bryant, and Greenwald.. Motion failed.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 139-2024:** “A RESOLUTION APPROVING A 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE KEOKUK MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FOR FY 2026-2030.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Walker, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 140-2024:** “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 32 LOUNGERS FOR THE KEOKUK AQUATIC CENTER.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Crenshaw to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 141-2024:** “A RESOLUTION REQUESTING LEE COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO ASSIGN TAX SALE CERTIFICATES TO THE CITY OF KEOKUK.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 142-2024:** “A RESOLUTION SEEKING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR REHABILITATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE CITY OF KEOKUK.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andrews, second by Cackley to table a resolution approving a one-time market adjustment to all certified personnel salaries within the Keokuk Police Department. (2) AYES – Cackley and Andrews, (7) NAYS-Crenshaw, Walker, Garcia, Dade, Tillman, Bryant and Greenwald. Motion to table failed.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Tillman to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 143-2024:** “A RESOLUTION APPROVING A ONE-TIE MARKET ADJUSTMENT TO ALL CERTIFIED PERSONNEL SALARIES WITHIN THE KEOKUK POLICE DEPARTMENT.”

Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Crenshaw, Walker, Garcia, Dade, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. (2) NAYS – Cackley and Andrews. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andrews, second by Tillman to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.