

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 20, 2025
501 Main Street

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on February 20, 2025, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were eight council members present, one absent, Carissa Crenshaw, Tyler Walker, Dorothy Cackley, Devon Dade, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, Michael Greenwald, and Jeffrey Mullin were present. Steve Andrews was absent. Staff in attendance: 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, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, and Bridge, Cemetery, Park & Sanitation Manager Bob Weis.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Informed of events taking place around the area.

CITIZENS' REQUEST: Erika Barrett provided an update on the Historic Preservation Commission. Scott Frey addressed concerns regarding the council, employee retention, and fostering overall positivity within the city.

Motion made by Dade, second by Tillman to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of February 6, 2025;
- Minutes of the Special Council meeting of February 13, 2025;
- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for January 2025;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 169-2025:** Approving a Liquor License for Home Town Wine & Spirit, 1501 Main Street, Class E Retail Alcohol License – term to expire March 27, 2026;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 170-2025:** Approving a Liquor License for Lucky's Irish Pub & Grub, 528 Blondeau Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License – effective March 3, 2025;
- Approve a Device Retail Permit for Davenport Tobacco & Vape Inc. DBA Greenleaf Tobacco & Vape, 3360 Main Street, Suite 5, permit to expire June 30, 2025;
- Appointment of Steve Carman to the Keokuk Public Library Board, term to expire July 1, 2031;
- Resignation of Gary Mortimer from the Keokuk Historic Preservation Commission, effective immediately;
- Appointment of Melinda Rude to the Veteran's Memorial Commission, term to expire June 1, 2029;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5455-5458;

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Crenshaw to remove from table Item #7. (7) AYES, (1) NAYS - Cackley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed resolution: "A RESOLUTION TO ASSUME SOUTHEAST IOWA DEVELOPMENT CENTER LOAN FROM KEOKUK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION."

Motion made by Cackley, second by Greenwald to amend the wording of resolution regarding dates & dollar amounts. (7) AYES, (1) NAYS – Cackley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed amended **RESOLUTION NO. 171-2025**: “A RESOLUTION TO ASSUME SOUTHEAST IOWA DEVELOPMENT CENTER LOAN FROM KEOKUK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.” (7) AYES, (1) NAYS – Cackley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 172-2025**: “A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH KEOKUK CONTRACTORS, INC. OF KEOKUK, IOWA TO REMOVE SEDIMENT FROM THE KEOKUK BOAT RAMP NEAR 1000 MISSISSIPPI RIVER DRIVE FOR A TOTAL OF \$54,142.00.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Tillman to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 173-2025**: “A RESOLUTION SETTING A BID LETTING, PUBLIC HEARING AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR GRAND AVENUE 2025 RECONSTRUCTION FROM NORTH 17TH STREET TO BOULEVARD ROAD PROJECT.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dade, second by Tillman to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 174-2025**: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN OFFER TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE AT 1728 J STREET.” (7) AYES, (1) NAYS – Cackley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Walker to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 175-2025**: “A RESOLUTION FIXING A DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF THE CITY OF KEOKUK, STATE OF IOWA (FOR ESSENTIAL CORPORATE PURPOSES), AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dade, second by Tillman to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 176-2025**: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SEEK AND HIRE AN INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 177-2025**: “A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS: Baum reported that Officer Dade, Captain Walden, and Sergeant Haw were commended for their response to an emergency call, during which they provided lifesaving efforts. Broomhall updated the council on meeting with Calvin Stevens, who is organizing a volunteer initiative, *Keokuk Cares*, and is requesting assistance with dumping fees for cleanup efforts.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Dade to enter closed session at 6:11 p.m. pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered, and when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation and that individual requests closed session. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Crenshaw to enter back into regular session at 6:36 p.m. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Carroll informed the council that 1 acre of land would support anywhere from 300-600 cemetery plots.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Dade to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m.