

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 21, 2025
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on August 21, 2025, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were eight council members present, one absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Dorothy Cackley, Devon Dade, Dan Tillman, Tyler Walker, Steve Andrews, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Jeff Mullin was absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Jim Ferneau, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, and Chief of Police Zeth Baum.

MAYOR’S CORRESPONDENCE: Informed of upcoming area events, mural done by WallDogs at Grand Theatre, meet and greet for City Administrator Aug 27th, emphasized the need for board and commission members, and provided an update on the upcoming election process.

CITIZENS’ REQUEST: Sherri Samuels, on behalf of Korbyn Shrader, asked that a speed reduction sign be installed on Garfield Avenue due to concerns for the safety of children playing and elderly residents in the area. Dennis Patterson addressed the Council about his property on South 18th Street. He expressed concerns about the steps installed during the recent road reconstruction and asked that they be redone to be wider and blended into his existing setup.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 7, 2025;
- Cash Receipts & Treasurer’s Report for July 2025;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 270-2025:** Approving a Liquor License for Meyers Courtyard, 629 Blondeau Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License – effective August 27, 2025;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 271-2025:** Approving a Liquor License for American Legion, Keokuk Post #41, 727 Main Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License – effective September 28, 2025;
- Approve Application for Liquor License Amendment for Ownership Update for Hy-Vee, Inc. for Hy-Vee Food Store & Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh;
- Approve Cigarette/Tobacco License for Steam Demons Inc., effective August 13, 2025 through June 30, 2026;
- Special Event Permit for Keokuk Cultural & Entertainment District/Main Street Keokuk, Inc., Kilbourne Bandfest, Friday, September 12, 2025, 6-8 p.m., Kilbourne Park, 1900 Timea Street;
- Special Event Permit for Brian Jobe, Rockin’ On The River Festival, Saturday, August 23, 2025, 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. at the Rand Park Pavilion;
- Resignation of Erika Barrett from the Historic Preservation Commission, Board of Adjustments, & Keokuk Economic Development Group effective immediately;
- Resignation of Lawrence Barrett from the City Planning Commission & Grand Theatre Commission effective immediately;

- Resignation of Rodger Whitaker from the Rand Park Pavilion Commission, effective August 13, 2025;
- Re-appointment of Terry Twitchell and Jean Toole to the Building & Housing Advisory Board, term to expire September 19, 2028;
- Re-appointment of Brenda Best & Brent Haage to the Keokuk Housing Authority, term to expire September 5, 2027;
- Re-appointment of Diane Stanley to the Human Rights Commission, term to expire September 19, 2028;
- Re-appointment of Dan Logan to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee, term to expire June 1, 2028;
- Re-appointment of Angela Gates and Mary Cecil to the Historic Preservation Commission, term to expire September 1, 2028;
- Re-appointment of Mark Schickedanz to the Airport Commission, term to expire October 20, 2031;
- Appointment of Lisa Celandia to fulfill a term on the City Planning Commission, term to expire May 14, 2028;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5489-5491;

Motion made by Tillman, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 272-2025**: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KEOKUK TO PAY OFF THE SOUTHEAST IOWA DEVELOPMENT CENTER LOAN FROM KEOKUK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Dade to approve immediate payment of relocation expenses to the City Administrator. Motion made by Crenshaw, second by Tillman to table the payment until after Ferneau's 90-day review.

Roll Call Vote to table: AYES – Crenshaw, Tillman, and Greenwald. NAYS – Walker, Cackley, Dade, Andrews, and Bryant. (3) AYES, (5) NAYS. Motion failed.

Original Motion approved (7) AYES, (1) NAY – Crenshaw. Motion carried to approve payment.
Update on Brownfield Grant process for the Elkem Site: Emily Smart, Senior Project Manager with Eocene, presented updates and outlined future plans for the Elkem Carbide site.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Cackley requested an update on the sewer/animal control roof project. Broomhall reported that the roof will need to be completely redone. Mahoney provided information on Road of Honor donation funds and outlined future plans for their use.

STAFF REPORTS: Broomhall provided an update on the recent code revision meeting. Ferneau reported that the Finance Committee will be reviewing sewer rates in the future and noted that a TIF consultation meeting had been held. He further said that funds from the HUD grant are expected to be received in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS: Tillman spoke about one-sided parking near the library and on certain one-way streets. Dade commended the City on the chip-and-seal work and mowing. Broomhall provided an update on 604 Grand Avenue.

Motion made by Tillman , second by Dade to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.