

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 2026
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on January 15, 2026, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Mark Smidt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were nine council members present, none absent. Todd Marshall, Tyler Walker, Doug Matlick, Kathie Mahoney, Devon Dade, Steve Andrews, Matt VanBerkum, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Jim Ferneau, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Public Works Director Brian Carroll, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Chief of Police Zeth Baum, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, Waste Water Treatment Plant Manager Tom Wills and Bridge, Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis.

CITIZENS' REQUEST: Shawn Grandbouche informed the Council of various financial concerns regarding City finances and stated that these matters are being directed to the State Auditor's Office. Beth Wrieden Alvis addressed the Council regarding emission concerns and the impact on her family's health, noting that pollution and air quality have worsened recently and stated the problem seems to be related to Roquette.

Motion made by Walker, second by Dade to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 5, 2026;
- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for December 2025;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5519-5520;

Motion made by Walker, second by Mahoney to approve initial reading of Ordinance amending City Code Chapter 5.24.020 (Nuisance Declared) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Keokuk, Iowa.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Walker, Mahoney, Matlick, Dade, Andrews, VanBerkum, Bryant and Greenwald. Nay – Marshall. (8) AYES, (1) NAY. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Dade to wave the second and third reading of ordinance.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Walker, Mahoney, Matlick, Dade, Andrews, Bryant, and Greenwald. Nay – Marshall. (7) AYES, (1) NAY (1) ABSTAIN - VanBerkum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Walker, second by Dade to adopt & give final approval of **ORDINANCE NO. 2060** Amending City Code Chapter 5.24.020 (Nuisance Declared) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Keokuk, Iowa. (7) AYES, (1) NAY – Marshall, (1) ABSTAIN - VanBerkum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Andrews to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 12-2026:** "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO EXECUTE A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH KLINGER & ASSOCIATES FOR MONITORING AT THE NORTH LANDFILL." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Dade approving an agreement with Taske Force, Inc. for temporary/summer staff. After discussion, a motion was made by Mahoney, second by Matlick to table. (8) AYES, (1) NAY – Bryant. TABLED.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Andrews to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 13-2026:** "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JIM FERNEAU TO THE SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SEIRPC) BOARD OF DIRECTORS." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 14-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH KRAUS & SONS, INC. TO REPLACE GRAND THEATRE AIR CONDITIONING UNIT.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 15-2026**: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A DEMOLITION CONTRACT FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING AT 819 RIDGE STREET.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 16-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF K9 OFFICER.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Mahoney to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 17-2026**: “A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION FOR ZONING CHANGE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4045 MAIN STREET, KEOKUK, IOWA.” (7) AYES, (2) NAYS - Walker and Mahoney. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Mahoney to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 18-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE AIRPORT TERMINAL REHABILITATION PROJECT.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Consider resolution approving the submission of a Community Catalyst Grant Application on behalf of Rehabilitation Project at 1124-1128 Main Street. **Died to lack of motion.**

Motion made by Walker, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 19-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING HIRING FREEZE.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Walker to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 20-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SEIRPC) FOR BROWNFIELD CLEANUP FUNDING GRANT.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dade, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 21-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KERRY KLEPFER TO THE SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL PLANNING (SEIRPC) LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Walker to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 22-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE PURCHASE.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS: Ferneau reported on the property tax proposal from Governor Reynolds and provided a reminder of the budget work session scheduled for January 17, 2026.

Motion made by Walker, second by Dade to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.