

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 19, 2026  
501 Main Street  
5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on March 19, 2026, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Mark Smidt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were eight council members present, none absent. Todd Marshall, Tyler Walker, Doug Matlick, Kathie Mahoney, Matt VanBerkum, Steve Andrews, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Devon Dade was absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Jim Ferneau, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Public Works Director Brian Carroll, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, and Assistant Police Chief Andrew Whitaker.

**CITIZENS' REQUEST:** Teresa Murray, President of the Keokuk Saddle Club, read a letter to the Council outlining plans to construct an accessory building on the property leased at Joyce Park. She requested preliminary approval to allow the Club to pursue grant funding for the project and stated she will work with Broomhall to bring a proposal and approving resolution forward to the Council in the coming weeks.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 5, 2026;
- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for February 2026;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 56-2026:** Approve submittal of FAA IJA NO. 03-19-0050-028-2026 and FAA AIP NO. 03-19-0050-029-2026 Grant Application;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 57-2026:** Approving a Liquor License for Angelini's Pizza Inc., 1006 Main Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License – effective April 1, 2026;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 58-2026:** Approving a Liquor License for B.P.O. Elks, Keokuk Lodge #106, 2200 Lincoln Avenue, Class F Retail Alcohol License – effective April 1, 2026;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 59-2026:** Approving a Liquor License for Hy-Vee Fast and Fresh, 3001 Main Street, Class B Retail Alcohol License – effective May 6, 2026;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5529-5531;

Mayor Smidt opened the public hearing at 5:40 p.m. on the Keokuk Municipal Airport Taxiway A & D Lighting Project. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on March 12, 2026.

**COMMENTS:** Carroll gave overview and Ferneau added historical details.

There being no further comments or objections on the matter, Mayor Smidt closed the public hearing at 5:43 p.m.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by VanBerkum to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 60-2026:** "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT TO RECONSTRUCT TAXIWAY A & D LIGHTING AT THE KEOKUK MUNICIPAL AIRPORT." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Walker, second by Matlick to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 61-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING TASK ORDER #2 FOR ADMINISTRATION & CLOSEOUT OF TAXIWAY A & D LIGHTING PROJECT AT THE KEOKUK MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by VanBerkum to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 62-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING FEE SCHEDULE INCREASE FOR THE RAND PARK PAVILION.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Walker to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 63-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REPAIR OF PORTION OF ALLEY BETWEEN 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND MAIN AND BLONDEAU STREET.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Walker, second by Mahoney to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 64-2026**: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 65-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EOCENE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) BROWNFIELD CLEANUP GRANT NUMBER 96722701.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Matlick, second by VanBerkum to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 66-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING TERMINATION OF FRANCHISE FEE REBATE.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mahoney, second by Matlick to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 67-2026**: “A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 42-2026 DUE TO KEOKUK NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE (KNI) DETERMINING NOT TO DEVELOP ON THE LOT, A PROCEDURAL ERROR, AND THE NEED TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE PUBLIC BIDDING REQUIREMENTS.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 68-2026**: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEMOLITION BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN DEMOLITION CONTRACT FOR 405 MORGAN STREET.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL LIAISON:** Greenwald reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting, noting that the primary topic of discussion was alternative methods for operating the Fire Department.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Broomhall reported on the Elkem Carbide site. Carroll informed the Council of upcoming Public Works Committee meeting discussions and an RFQ for the roof at the Public Safety Building. Ferneau informed the Council of an upcoming Finance Committee meeting and stated potential options would be on the horizon for the Southeast Iowa Development Center in the near future.

Motion made by VanBerkum, second by Bryant to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.