

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 2, 2026
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on April 2, 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, Devon Dade, Kathie Mahoney, Matt VanBerkum, Steve Andrews, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. 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, Assistant Police Chief Andrew Whitaker and Waste Water Treatment Plant Manager Tom Wills.

CITIZENS' REQUEST: Kris Rankin, representing The Best You Coalition, provided updates and shared information on upcoming community events. Brie Halmers, Stewardship Coordinator for DVIP & RVAP, read the Mayor's proclamation designating April as Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She also outlined the services they provide and discussed upcoming fundraisers.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 19, 2026;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 69-2026:** Setting a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Budget;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 70-2026:** Setting a revised public hearing date for the proposed contract documents (Plans, Specifications and Form of Contract), estimated cost for the improvement and award of contract for site demolition and contaminated soil removal at the former Elkem Site, Plat 1.
- **RESOLUTION NO. 71-2026:** Setting a revised public hearing date for the proposed contract documents (Plans, Specifications and Form of Contract), estimated cost for the improvement and award of contract for site demolition and contaminated soil removal at the former Elkem Site, Auditor's Parcel D.
- **RESOLUTION NO. 72-2026:** Setting a public hearing date for the Bel Air Street Reconstruction Project;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 73-2026:** Setting a public hearing date for the South 10th Street Mill & Overlay Project;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 74-2026:** Approving a Liquor License Premise Transfer for Columbian Room of Keokuk, Showboat Saturday Night, 2981 Plank Road – effective April 18-19, 2026;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 75-2026:** Approving a Liquor License for The Cellar, 29 S. 2nd Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License – effective April 22, 2026;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5532-5533;

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 76-2026:** "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMERCIAL CONTRACTING SERVICES (CCS) TO CLEAN THE TWO GRIT CHANNELS AT THE WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Matlick, second by Mahoney to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 77-2026:** "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF BOOM MOWER FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Walker to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 78-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING REASONABLE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR THE PROPOSED SALE OF CITY-OWNED REAL ESTATE LOCATED WITHIN THE TWIN RIVERS URBAN RENEWAL AREA PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE § 403.8.” After discussion there was a motion made by Matlick, second by Greenwald to amend original resolution and accept bids through April 6, 2026. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion to amend carried.

Motion made by Marshall, second by Dade to approve the following proposed resolution removing construction deadline requirements for a Single-Family Dwelling at 604 Grand Avenue. Council was not in favor of an open-ended deadline. Broomhall will bring forth a resolution with a 1-year timeline. Original motion failed.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Matlick gave update on recent public works committee meeting.

STAFF REPORTS: Broomhall provided an update on the upcoming citywide cleanup. Carroll reported several roof leaks in city buildings due to recent rain and noted that the air conditioner at SEIDC is not working. He also stated that park restrooms will open on April 15, 2026. Rose reminded the public of the open burning hotline.

Motion made by Walker, second by Dade to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m.