

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 18, 2026
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on June 18, 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, Kathie Mahoney, Devon Dade, Steve Andrews, Matt VanBerkum, Doug Matlick, Michael Greenwald and Roger Bryant, were present. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Jim Ferneau, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Public Works Director Brian Carroll, Police Chief Zeth Baum, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, and Waste Water Treatment Plant Manager Tom Wills,

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Benny St. James expressed concerns regarding the safety of geese on the riverfront, stating that he has witnessed explosive devices being thrown at them and believes there may be more humane methods to address any issues they are causing. Walker responded that feeding the geese along the riverfront contributes to ongoing problems, including maintaining cleanliness of the trail, and encouraged residents to refrain from doing so.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 4, 2026;
- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for May 2026;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 117-2026:** Approving a Liquor License for Casey's #2595, 326 Main Street, Class E Retail Alcohol License – effective July 1, 2025;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 118-2026:** Approving a Liquor License for Casey's #2636, 3530 Main Street, Class E Retail Alcohol License – effective July 1, 2026;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 119-2026:** Approving a Liquor License for The Bar, 914 Main Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License – effective July 8, 2026;
- Resignation of Angela Gates from the Keokuk Historic Preservation Commission, effective immediately;
- Resignation of Tracie Jones from the Grand Theatre Commission, effective immediately;
- Rex Muston appointed to the Grand Theatre Commission, term to expire November 5, 2029;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5545-5547;

Motion made by Walker, second by Dade to approve the second reading of an **Ordinance** amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Keokuk, Iowa, by modifying provisions of Ordinance 2018, the City of Keokuk Electric Franchise, relating to Franchise Fees.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Marshall, Walker, Mahoney, Dade, Andrews, VanBerkum, Matlick, Greenwald and Bryant; NAYS - None. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Mayor Smidt opened the public hearing at 5:43 p.m. on the application for a zoning request for property located at 209 Washington Street, Keokuk, Iowa. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on June 5, 2026.

COMMENTS: Broomhall provided an overview of the property and the proposed future plans. She noted that the City Planning Commission recommended denial of the rezoning request. Surrounding property owners, Russ Derr and Dan Mahoney, expressed concerns regarding the rezoning, outlining reasons why it should not proceed and the potential impacts it could have on the area in the future.

City Clerk received 3 written objections and one via telephone, no action was taken. Mayor Smidt closed the public hearing at 5:56 p.m.

Initial reading of an **Ordinance** amending the official zoning map of the City of Keokuk, Iowa, regarding property located at 209 Washington Street. Died due to lack of motion.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 120-2026**: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS FOR SECOND HALF OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Matlick, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 121-2026**: “A RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT WITH COMMERCIAL CONTRACTING SERVICES (CCS) FOR THE GEORGE M. VERITY RIVERBOAT MUSEUM EXTERIOR PAINTING.” (8) AYES, (1) NAYS - Walker. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 122-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FOR THE CITY OF KEOKUK.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mahoney, second by Walker to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 123-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH THE SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 124-2026**: “A RESOLUTION SETTING FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 SALARIES FOR PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF KEOKUK, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mahoney, second by Matlick to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 125-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPOINTING UMB BANK, N.A. OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA, TO SERVE AS PAYING AGENT, NOTE REGISTRAR, AND TRANSFER AGENT, APPROVING THE PAYING AGENT AND NOTE REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Walker, second by Mahoney to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 126-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FORM OF LOAN AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$892,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2026, AND LEVYING A TAX TO PAY SAID NOTES, APPROVAL OF THE TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dade, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 127-2026**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PETTY CASH AND CHANGE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 128-2026**: “A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO W.L. MILLER COMPANY OF HAMILTON, IL FOR THE SOUTH 11TH STREET MILL & FILL MAIN STREET TO JOHNSON STREET.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 129-2026**: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEMOLITION CONTRACT FOR 1119 S. 14TH AND 1912 TIMEA STREET.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Walker to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 130-2026**: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE KEOKUK FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SUSPEND APPLICABLE CIVIL SERVICES HIRING REQUIREMENTS FROM JUNE 22, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 22, 2027, TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Carroll reported on the recent Public Works Committee meeting and provided an overview of the Meadow Lane street repair project. Mahoney reported on the Personnel Committee meeting.

STAFF REPORTS: Broomhall reported that a building permit was issued for the sewer/animal shelter roof project, as well as a building permit issued to Walmart.

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