MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 16, 2026
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on July 16, 2026, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Mark Smidt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were eight council members present, one absent. Todd Marshall, Tyler Walker, Kathie Mahoney, Doug Matlick, Steve Andrews, Matt VanBerkum, Michael Greenwald and Roger Bryant, were present. Devon Dade was absent. 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, and Waste Water Treatment Plant Manager Tom Wills.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 16, 2026;
- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for June 2026;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 146-2026:** Setting a time and place of a public hearing on the submission of a CDBG application for the City of Keokuk, Iowa;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 147-2026:** Approving a Liquor License for Chintz's, 1310 Main Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License – effective July 24, 2026;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 148-2026:** Approving a Liquor License for Arrowhead Bowl, 3535 Main Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License – effective August 1, 2026;
- Reappointment of Carla Celania to the Depot Commission, term to expire June 1, 2030;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5551-5553;

Mayor Smidt opened the public hearing at 5:32 p.m. the Amendment of Franchise Fees on Natural Gas Utility Services. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on July 10, 2026.

COMMENTS: Ferneau gave overview.

There being no further comments or objections, Mayor Smidt closed the public hearing at 5:33 p.m.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by VanBerkum to approve the initial reading of an Ordinance amending the code of Ordinances of the City of Keokuk, Iowa, by modifying provisions of Ordinance 2017, the City of Keokuk Natural Gas Franchise, relating to franchise fees.

Roll Call Vote: (8) AYES – Marshall, Walker, Mahoney, Matlick, Andrews, VanBerkum, Greenwald, and Bryant; (0) NAYS, (1) ABSENT – Dade. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Mahoney to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 149-2026:** "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD F-350 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Walker to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 150-2026:** "A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Andrews to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 151-2026:** "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SUMBIT AN APPLICATION TO THE IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S NUISANCE/ABANDONED PROPERTY REMEDIATION FUNDS FOR A FORGIVABLE LOAN TO DEMOLISH FIFTEEN ABANDONED AND NUISANCE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF KEOKUK." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Walker, second by Marshall to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 152-2026:** "A RESOLUTION APPROVING LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ASPELMEIER, FISCH, POWER, ENGBERG & HELLING, P.L.C." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Mahoney spoke for the Personnel Committee regarding job postings.

STAFF REPORTS: Baum advised that Ashley has submitted her resignation, with her last day being July 24, and that her position will not be filled. Wills reported that he is currently advertising to fill an existing vacancy at the Wastewater Resource Facility. Ferneau stated that the EPA will be conducting a review of the Elkem site on August 11 and expressed interest in discussing potential future uses for the site. He also provided updates on personnel meeting plans and fiber build plans involving Mediacom and Windstream.

Motion made by Walker, second by Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m.