

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 17, 2026
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on September 17, 2026, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Mark Smidt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were six council members present, three absent. Tyler Walker, Kathie Mahoney, Doug Matlick, Devon Dade (entered at 5:41 p.m.), Michael Greenwald, and Roger Bryant were present. Todd Marshall, Steve Andrews, and Matt VanBerkum were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Jim Ferneau, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Public Works Director Brian Carroll, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, and Police Chief Zeth Baum.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Smidt read a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2026 Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mollie McKibben, development coordinator, and Hannah Lynch with DVIP/RVAP informed of services they provide and upcoming events.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Mahoney to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Civil Service meeting of September 1, 2026, and the Certified List for Keokuk Police Department;
- Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 3, 2026;
- Minutes of the Civil Service meeting of September 9, 2026, and the Certified List for Keokuk Fire Department;
- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for August 2026;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 173-2026:** Approving a Liquor License for Dollar General #2385, 300 Main Street, Class B Retail Alcohol License – effective September 21, 2026;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 174-2026:** Approving a Liquor License for American Legion, Keokuk Post #41, 727 Main Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License – effective September 28, 2026;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5562-5564;

Motion made by Bryant, second by Walker to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 175-2026:** "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026." (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Matlick, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 176-2026:** "A RESOLUTION APPROVING MASTER AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INCLUDING TASK ORDER 1 REGULATORY SUPPORT SERVICES WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC. FOR WASTEWATER REGULATORY COMPLIANCE." (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Mahoney to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 177-2026:** "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RETURN OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 604 GRAND AVENUE, KEOKUK, IOWA." (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Walker to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 178-2026:** "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NUISANCE PROPERTY AND ABANDONED BUILDING REMEDIATION FUND." (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Mahoney thanked and recognized first responders for the quick response and service related to the accident on bridge earlier in the day. Greenwald informed a public safety meeting will take place in October.

STAFF REPORTS: Baum informed the Council that Trick-or-Treat will be held on October 31, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and that the First Stop location will remain the same as in prior years on Grand Avenue. Carroll reported that South 10th Street is now complete and open and that Phases 1 and 2 of the Bel Air project are complete. He noted that completion of the remaining work may need to be pushed into spring 2027. Carroll also provided an update on the Public Safety Building roof and informed the Council that a Public Works Committee meeting will be scheduled soon. Broomhall provided an update on new Project Coordinator Rachel Welker. Ferneau reminded the Council of the goal-setting session scheduled for September 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and provided reminders regarding the upcoming Data Center meetings.