

CITY OF KEISER
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 18, 2023

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6 pm at Keiser City Hall. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy; Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars; and Councilmembers Laura Smith and Joey Jackson.

Mayor Creecy used his voting privilege to declare a quorum and the meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

Minutes from the November 27th special meeting was read and approved with a Jackson motion followed by a second from Creecy; and all said aye.

Monthly financial reports were reviewed and approved with a Smith motion followed by a second from Jackson; and all said aye.

Megan Owens, a representative of the Special Events Committee, informed the council that Big River Steel had donated \$58,680.00 to the park fund. Mayor Creecy stated that a \$200 donation from State Farm Insurance had also been made.

OLD BUSINESS

- Nothing new to report on the sewer loan.
- Water Tank Grant – Quorum Court
 - i. Mayor Creecy met with 3 representatives from the Quorum Court.
 - ii. Creecy also provided information to the County Financial Committee.
 - iii. The Quorum Court is considering opening another round of grants.
- 2 Police Cars donated by City of Blytheville
 - i. Cost of \$1 each
 - ii. Crown Vic was picked up Friday.
 - iii. The Charger will be picked up this week to evaluate its condition.
 - iv. Thank you letter has been sent to the Blytheville mayor and council.

NEW BUSINESS

- Fire Chief
 - i. Chief Ron Hallett will be retiring December 31, 2023
 - ii. Jackson made the motion to appoint Reggie Horton to take Hallett's place as fire chief. Smith seconded the motion; and all said aye.
- City Hall Coordinator
 - i. Penny Willbanks has accepted the position as City Hall Coordinator.

- Grants
 - i. The city has been awarded a \$18,623.92 DPS Public Safety Grant
 - a. 3 AWIN radios and 3 bullet-proof vests to stop.223 round will be purchased.
 - b. Jackson motioned to accept the grant followed by a second from Smith; and all said aye.
 - ii. The city has been awarded an \$86,000 Recreational Trails Grant.
 - a. The grant will be used to construct a bike track around the entire park and across the middle of the old ball fields.
 - b. The city must match in the amount of \$42,000.
 - c. The Municipal League and Legislative Audit has approved the use of street funds for the matching funds.
 - d. Smith motioned to accept the grant followed by a second from Jackson; and all said aye.

In other business, the council approved a reimbursement to Joey Jackson of a concrete saw that was damaged by city employees. Smith motioned to approve followed by a second from Creecy; and all said aye.

Mayor Creecy announced that the annual fire department Christmas dinner would be held Thursday, December 21, at 7 pm.

Jackson asked the council to consider using slag instead of asphalt to open a through from the Senter subdivision to Jefferson Street.

With no further business to discuss Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting followed by a second from Jackson; and all said aye.

The next regular council meeting will be January 15, 2024, at 6 pm at Keiser City Hall.



Mayor Rick Creecy



Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars