



KEISER NEWS

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"Small town, big heart - that's Keiser!"

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FROM THE MAYOR

Keiser's Active Pursuit of Grants

In the past year, the City of Keiser has been active in seeking out additional resources for community improvement. We've submitted 27 grant applications, with six of these being successful and bringing in \$309,125. We have 16 applications that are still pending, with decisions expected over the coming months.

Grants, being non-repayable funds given by entities like government departments or corporations, are a beneficial avenue for financing city improvements. The process of acquiring these involves identifying potential grants, preparing detailed applications outlining the use and projected outcomes of the funds, and submitting these applications for review.

Post submission, applications are thoroughly evaluated by the grant-makers, with successful ones receiving the funds for implementing the proposed initiatives. Accountability and transparency are maintained through periodic reports detailing the use of funds and the achieved results.

Keiser's vigorous pursuit of these grants underscores our commitment to city improvements. We are optimistic about securing additional funding from the pending applications and promise to utilize all resources effectively for the betterment of our community. Stay tuned for more updates!

CHIEF OF POLICE

Summer Tips By Chief Glen Austin

With the arrival of warmer weather, the days become longer and people are out and about more. Summer also coincides with the end of the school term. Adults and children like to take advantage of the warm weather and sunshine. It is important that we take extra precautions to ensure our citizens stay healthy and safe during the summer months. A few tips to help us survive summer's activities and heat include:

Obey the speed limits.

30 mph on Highway 181 coming through town

30 mph on Main Street

15 mph on residential streets

Be sure to heed all "stop" signs as well as other traffic signs.

Be attentive to walkers and children on bikes.

Riding a 4-wheeler is not allowed on city streets or highways.

In case of emergency dial 911

City Council meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 pm. All welcome.

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Water bills due the 15th of each month. Late charges will be applied on the 16th and shutoff on the 27th unless the 27th is a Friday.

Don't forget to pick up your spay/neuter voucher at City Hall for your pets.

Remember the city has a leash law. If you are walking your dog in the city limits they MUST be on a leash. No exceptions.

If you have not yet registered your dog or cat. Please come to City Hall and do so.

You can buy 40 gallon garbage bags at City Hall. There are 50 in a roll and the cost is \$10.00 per roll.

KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN.
PLEASE DO NOT LITTER.

City Hall—870-526-2300
Hours 8:00am to 5:00pm M-F
Closed 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch

IT'S IN THE BANK By Peggy Sellars City of Keiser Treasurer

PAYING THE BILLS

By

Peggy Sellars

City of Keiser Treasurer

So, where does the money come from to meet the City of Keiser's financial obligations? It may surprise many to learn that very little of the city's financial support actually comes from the water bill revenue.

The city's major source of funding comes from the State of Arkansas in the form of Sales & Use Turnback from state, county, and city sales tax. These are deposited directly into our General and Street accounts.

Other sources of revenue for the city are millage on property, franchise fees, Municipal Aid and sanitation fees.

A recent source of income for the City of Keiser that has been of great benefit are the numerous grants that Mayor Creecy has applied for on the city's behalf. To date, he has submitted 27 grant applications, six of which have been approved, bringing to the city \$309,125.

NEAL BROWN DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WATER TREATMENT & WASTEWATER OPERATOR

Public Works By Director Neal Brown

Public works has installed an aerator on the Main Street pump station. This device will oxygenate the micro-organisms to break down the grease that accumulates in the pump station. This will reduce the cost to the city and the amount of enzymes will be lowered. Also, this should lower the maintenance on the pump station. This aerator is on a 30-day trial period at no cost to the city.

We have started inspection of the sewer station on the Southeast part of town to identify the infiltration points in our sewer system. We will then be able to repair these infiltration points using our city workers and outside contractors. We will then begin inspection of infiltrations on the West side of town.

LESLIE HERNANDEZ WATER/CITY HALL COORDINATOR

The Keiser Water Department has implemented a new water payment receipt system effective 05/22/2023. Customers will no longer receive a handwritten receipt. Customers will receive a printed receipt with the following information: Receipt number, Cash or Check, Date, Account Number, Name, Address, Balance Owed, Payment Amount and New Balance. The introduction of this new system will also enhance the efficiency of the information we share with our auditors on an annual basis. Previously, we would receive feedback regarding our receipt numbers not being in consecutive order. However, with the implementation of this new system, this issue will be resolved.

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