

CITY OF KEISER
CONCIL MEETING

Monday, March 17, 2025

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Monday March 17, 2025, at 6 PM at Keiser City Hall. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy; Recorder, Penny Wilbanks; and council members Joey Jackson and Lynn Skaggs. Council members absent were Donna Bell and Laura Smith. With Mayor Creecy's attendance vote a quorum was declared.

February minutes were read and approved with a motion by Jackson; followed by a second from Skaggs; and all said aye.

Financial Reports were reviewed and approved. Jackson made the motion to approve followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Joshua Allen was hired as our 2nd full time officer on March 10, 2025.
- b. The Easement on Main Street property has been agreed upon and signed by the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture. Property where the Main Street Lift Station is located.
- c. The Easement on Cypress Street has been declined by Bobby Kirk. There are other options to pursue. The council has agreed to make a monetary offer for the easement. If this offer is declined, we will pursue the "imminent domain" process.
- d. LOPFI for the Police Department has been placed on hold for all Council Members to discuss.
- e. The pursuit of the subdivision on West Main is at a standstill. Mayor Creecy reached out to Mr. Bell about the property. Mr. Bell denies any ownership of the property. Mayor will reach out to the Courthouse to find the rightful owner of said property.
- f. We have received the City's firearm back from Orlando, Florida. This is the firearm taken to Orlando by Michael Shively in October 2024, to aid disaster help.

New Business

- a. All council members have received the 2023 Legislative Audit.

- b. The speed limit change for Main Street and placing a Crosswalk has been placed on hold until all Council Members are present
- c. Business Tax/Fee chart was gone over and discussed, potentially more revenue for the city. This order of business has been put on hold due to all Council members not being present.
- d. Concerns for new Home Businesses arose about the liability responsibilities. Mayor Creecy also presented the council with some legal advice from the lawyer on our Home Bases Businesses in town.
- e. Resolution 2025-01, a resolution to agree upon Mayor Creecy pursuing the Rural Services Block Grant, which is a grant to upgrade the equipment for our Voluntary Fire Department. A motion to approve Resolution 2025-01 was made by Jackson; followed by a second from Skaggs; and all said Aye.
A motion to approve Resolution 2025-02, Resolution Establishing a Policy Prohibiting the Use of Excessive Force by Law Enforcement Agencies within the Applicant's Jurisdiction Against Individuals Engaged in Non-violent Civil Rights Demonstrations was approved by Jackson, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said Aye.
- f. Mayor Creecy presented a printout of the City of Keiser Credit Card Policy and Procedures. A motion for this policy was approved by Jackson, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said Aye.
- g. Mayor Creecy attended an Advanced Grant Training in Little Rock, AR on March 6, 2025. Mayor Creecy elaborated on the pros and cons of this seminar.
- h. Grants
 - 1. Applied for
 - a. AARP grant was applied for to help our seniors with home improvements, equipment, etc.
 - b. T-Mobile Hometown Grant was applied for a Basketball and Pickleball court for the park.
 - 2. Awarded
 - a. BCBS Mini Grant was awarded to purchase 7 trauma kits for the city and our Voluntary Fire Department.

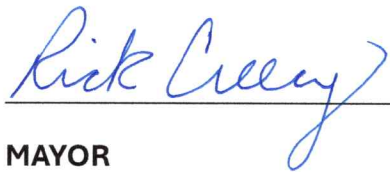
OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Councilman Jackson stated some concerns about loud vehicles and Condemned Properties within City Limits. Mayor Creecy advised on going through the channels and doing things the proper way.
- 2. Chief Hamilton has issued statements on Code Enforcement. He is now awaiting the time frame on when to issue citations.

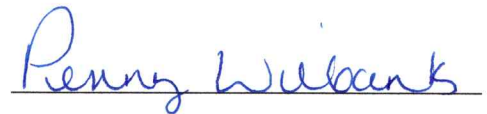
3. Councilman Jackson stated concerns about issues with moving water meters that are in the middle of driveways.

With no further business to discuss Skaggs motioned to adjourn. Jackson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Next regular meeting will be April 21, 2025 @ 6PM Keiser City Hall.



MAYOR



RECORDER