

CITY OF KEISER
City Council Meeting
January 23, 2024

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at Keiser City Hall at 6 pm. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy; Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars; and council members Donna Bell, Laura Smith, Lynn Skaggs, and Joey Jackson.

The December minutes were read and approved with a motion from Smith, followed by a second from Jackson; and all said aye.

Financial reports were reviewed and approved with a motion from Jackson, followed by a second from Bell; and all said aye.

There were no committee reports at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. The Firehouse Sub Fire Department Grant has been denied.
- b. A \$32,120 Fire Department Equipment Grant has been submitted.
- c. The City of Blytheville has donated 2 police cars to the City of Keiser.
- d. Park donations of 61,180.00 have been received so far.
 - i. Approval for the fishing pond at the park was tabled until a later meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2024-01 - 2023 Budget Amendment
 - i. The 2023 budget was amended with a motion from Smith, followed by a second from Jackson; and all said aye.
- b. Resolution 2024-02 – 2024 Budget Resolution
 - i. The 2024 budget approval resolution was passed with a motion from Bell, followed by a second from Skaggs; and all said aye. (NOTE: The budget was passed in November 2023 because of requirements of the USDA). Mayor Creecy made the council aware of revisions to the 2024 budget before the resolution was passed.
- c. Emergency Response Plan
 - i. After reviewing the Emergency Response Plan, Skaggs made the motion to approve, followed by a second from Bell; and all said aye.
- d. Security Vulnerability Assessment
 - i. After review and discussion, Jackson motioned to approve the assessment, followed by a second from Smith; and all said aye.
- e. 2nd Police Officer
 - i. Mayor Creecy asked the council to consider revising the pay rates for the police department to appeal to qualified applicants.
- f. City Hall Hours

- i. City hall will be locked at 4:45 pm beginning February 1st to allow Penny Wilbanks to reconcile the day's transactions.
- g. Employee Rate Review
 - i. Mayor Creecy requested approval from the council to remove the line items from budgeted sanitation rates and allow him to allocate rates for employees if the total did not exceed the budgeted amount for the department.
 - ii. Approval to eliminate the number of employees and hourly rate and leave to the discretion of the mayor was granted with a motion from Bell, followed by a second from Smith; and all said aye.

Mayor Creecy informed the council that the city has a new up-to-date phone system. The system has been installed by Ritter, and a representative has trained city office workers in its use.

Mayor Creecy informed the council that the pump for the Lift Station is scheduled to be shipped February 19th.

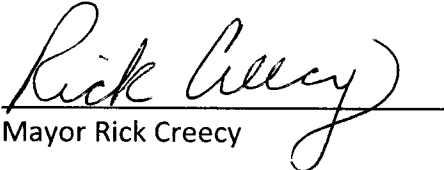
Mayor Creecy gave each council member a copy of each department's goals for 2024.


Jackson stated that we need to get more aggressive in code enforcement, the dog issue, and speeding.

Smith mentioned that several streetlights are out in the city.

With no further business to discuss, Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second from Smith; and all said aye. The meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled council meeting will be February 19th at 6 pm at Keiser City Hall.


Mayor Rick Creecy


Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars