

CITY OF KEISER
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 19, 2023

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Monday, June 19, 2023 at 6 pm at Keiser City Hall. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy; Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars; and Councilmembers Joey Jackson, Laura Smith, and Lynn Skaggs. Councilmember Donna Bell was absent due to illness. Mayor Creecy declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6 pm. Since this meeting was also a Town Meeting to discuss park improvements, many citizens were in attendance to voice their ideas on the subject.

Skaggs motioned to approve the May 16th and May 30th Minutes 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 Skaggs, and all said aye.

The only committee report given was the Special Events Committee. Mayor Creecy advised that the City had received a \$15,000 Park Grant, and that others are being submitted. Event Committee Member Stacy Gardner gave an update on plans for the park, stating that it is hoped that the city would be able to provide activities and accommodations for all age groups and levels of activity.

Councilmember Jackson stated that he would have his water training completed before the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2023-01 (Dog Breed Ban)

Mayor Creecy opened the floor for discussion on the issue of Ordinance 2023-01, an amendment to Ordinance 2021-02, that would ban specific breeds of dogs. After a period of discussion between the council and interested citizens, Jackson brought forth a motion to take Ordinance 2023-01 to a vote, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye.

- 1st Reading in entirety – Jackson motion; Smith second; all said aye.
- 2nd Reading by title only – Skaggs motion; Smith second; all said aye.
- 3rd Reading by title only – Jackson motion; Smith second; all said aye.

Ordinance 2023-01 was passed and adopted June 19, 2023. An Emergency Clause was enacted for Ordinance 2023-01 for the preservation for public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Keiser.

- Jackson – motion; Smith – second; all said aye.

An emergency Clause was enacted for Ordinance 2023-01, putting Ordinance 2023-01 in full force and effect on June 19, 2023.

AERATOR

- Mayor Creecy requested approval from the council to purchase the aerator that had been on trial on Main Street at a cost of \$2500.
 - a. Smith – motion; Jackson – second; all said aye

BACKHOE

- Mayor Creecy advised the council that he had applied for a 15% matching grant to purchase a backhoe.

SHERIFF'S AUCTION

- The auction has been postponed until further notice.

NEW BUSINESS

Amy Wells

- Asked the council for permission to place a house on her 5500 sq. ft. lot at the corner of High Street and Poplar Street.
- The City's zoning ordinance states that all lots must be no less than 7500 sq. ft.
- The council advised Wells that they would consider her request and call a Special Meeting to render a decision.

INSURANCE

- Finda Robertson, an agent for Colonial Life Insurance presented to the council packets for them to review and consider for city employees.

FUN PARK GRANT

- \$100,000 (no match)
- Mayor Creecy and the council turned discussions over to the citizens gathered for the town meeting with the question "If we receive this grant, what would you like for it to be spent on?"
 - a. Suggestions from the citizens included: basketball court, walking track, playground equipment, facilities for handicap and senior citizens. The consensus was that the park needs to be upgraded to benefit citizens and visitors of all ages and activity levels.

RESOLUTION 2023-06 (Allowing Mayor to submit FUN Park Grant)

- Jackson – motion; Skaggs – second; all said aye.

Resolution 2023-06 was passed and adopted June 19, 2023.

RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

- \$30,000 (50% matching)
 - a. \$7500.00 from the Special Events Committee; \$7500.00 from the City of Keiser will provide the matching funds.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY ARPA GRANTS

- \$200,000 – Sewer Grant
 - a. Repairs and improvements to Lift Station on Hwy. 181.
- \$200,000 – Water grant
 - a. Repairs and maintenance of water tanks, electrical system, filter house.
- Mayor Creecy presented to the council his plans to allocate the matching funds required for acceptance of these grants.
 - a. Jackson – motion; Smith – second; all said aye to accept Creecy’s recommendations.
 - b. A copy of Mayor Creecy’s allocation of funds is attached to these Minutes.

POPLAR STREET (Pave)

- Mayor Creecy submitted a quote of \$31,800 from Riley Paving Company to pave South poplar Street.
- The council decided to wait on this project.

SWIMMING POOL ORDINANCE

- Mayor Creecy submitted a potential swimming pool ordinance for the council to review for July’s council meeting.

SPEED HUMPS

- The council decided to place speed bumps in high traffic areas around the city in an effort to deter speeders.

CITIZEN PLUMBER BILL

- The council authorized payment of a bill to repair a leak at a citizen’s home.
 - a. The leak was discovered to be the city’s responsibility by the plumber and Director of Public works Rodney Brown.

COUNCIL NOTES (Jackson)

- Jackson provided a list of issues that needed to be looked at.
 - a. List attached to Minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The mayor and council went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Upon returning to the table, Mayor Creecy reported that there were no decisions to be made.

With no further business to discuss Jackson made the motion to adjourn the meeting followed by a second from Skaggs; all said aye and the meeting was adjourned.
The next regular meeting of the Keiser City Council will be July 17th, 2023 at 6pm at Keiser City Hall.



Mayor Rick Creecy



Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars

COUNCIL NOTES (JACKSON)

- Enforce inoperable vehicle ordinance
- Citizen's shed (clutter)
- Senior citizen work
- Personal property stored on city property
- Handicap parking at city hall
- Tree City USA
- Welcome signs coming into town
- Pallets by NAPA