

**CITY OF KEISER**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**April 15, 2024**

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6pm at Keiser City Hall. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy; Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars; and Councilmembers Donna Bell, Joey Jackson, Laura Smith, and Lynn Skaggs.

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

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

Councilmember Bell, representing the Special Events Committee, reported that the park clean-up had been a success. Bell also informed the council that plans were underway for the annual Fall Festival.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Water Tank Update**
  - i. Painting & upgrading of the tank is complete. It should be back online this week.
  - ii. The Pipe Gallery painting is complete.
  - iii. The treatment plant is scheduled to be painted and a new roof installed.
  - iv. The power panel is still to be replaced.
- b. **Sewer System Update**
  - i. Televising of the sewer lines began today (April 15,2024).
  - ii. This televising process is estimated to take 30 days dependent upon the weather.
  - iii. The Lift Station on Main Street is sinking. It has been braced to slow it down. A claim has been filed with our insurance company.
  - iv. Plans are made to replace this Lift Station with a sewer loan.
- c. **Sewer Loan**
  - i. It is still unknown if we will get any additional time after the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
  - ii. Lobbyists in Little Rock, Judge Nelson, Dave Wallace, Jon Milligan, and one of the Governor's aids have contacted ANRC asking for answers on their delay in processing our forms, along with a request for an extension.
  - iii. Additional funding will be coming out in November that ANRC has stated that we should qualify for, with the possibility of loan forgiveness. Mayor Creecy asked the council's opinion on should we push for as much in this loan or should we wait for loan forgiveness in the November application?
  - iv. ANRC recommended that we put all engineering fees in the first loan to get the 1.75% interest rate. The total fees are \$159,500. If we do not get the second

1. Premium Pay = \$5,872.50
2. Engineering Fee = \$2,000
3. Backhoe Repair = \$7,908.50
4. City Truck Purchase = \$25,334.00
5. Lift Station = \$51,198.10
6. Water Tank = \$47,741.14
7. Total ARPA Funds = \$140,054.25

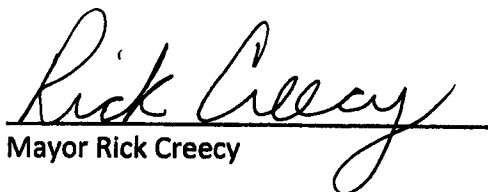
#### OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Police Cruiser (Charger)
  - i. The council requested Mayor Creecy to check prices on a motor for the Charger police cruiser.
  - ii. The council recommended donating or selling the Tahoe if the Charger is put into service.

Sheriff Dale Cook and members of the Mississippi County Sheriff's Department were in attendance. Sheriff Cook spoke concerning the protocol of reporting incidences within the city. He stated that the first report should be made to the city's Chief of Police. He went on to say that the chief can call the county if reinforcements are needed. Sheriff Cook also spoke of an issue within the state legislature concerning the building of a new prison facility within the State of Arkansas.

With no further business to discuss, Skaggs motioned to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second from Smith; and all said aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

The next regular meeting of the Keiser City Council is scheduled for May 20, 2024 at 6pm at Keiser City Hall.

  
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Mayor Rick Creecy

  
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Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars