

CITY OF KEISER
City Council Meeting
March 18, 2024

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Monday, March 18, 2024, at 6 pm 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.

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

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

Bell reported that the next Special Events Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19. No other committee reports were given.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Water Tank Update
 - i. Repairs/Upgrades and sandblasting of the water tank have been completed.
 - ii. Priming the tank is now underway but could be delayed due to high winds.
 - iii. The filter house is yet to be done. Repairs will include:
 - 1. Sandblasting & painting pipes
 - 2. New roof
 - 3. New paint
 - 4. Electrical panel replacement
- b. Lift Station Update
 - i. Lift Station installation has been completed.
 - 1. The first week after installation, the Lift Station ran 4 hours.
 - 2. The station has been raised to ground level eliminating flooding.
 - 3. Bypass plumbing has been installed.
 - 4. The station has been wired to accommodate a generator.
 - 5. A new fence has been installed.
- c. Sewer System Update
 - i. Bids for cleaning/televising will close Tuesday.
 - ii. There is a chance we could lose the 1.75% rate for sewer repairs.
 - iii. Calls, email discussions, lobbyists, and Bond lawyers are contacting the loan director to assist us in retaining the 1.75% interest rate.
 - iv. If no progress is made soon, Mayor Creecy plans to contact Dave Wallace and Jon Milligan for assistance.

- d. Fun Park Grant
 - i. Mayor Creecy had a zoom meeting with the grant administrator.
 - ii. Creecy met with the engineer who is drafting plans for the park layout and ADA walkway & parking.
 - iii. The survey will be completed by the end of this month.
 - iv. Mayor Creecy will travel to Little Rock next Wednesday to accept the grant on behalf of the City of Keiser.
- e. Bike/Walking Trail Update
 - i. Mayor Creecy met with the engineer on the layout of the bike/walking trail.
 - ii. The Fun Park and trail will share a survey.
 - iii. Completion date is projected for 2025.
 - iv. There is a possibility that a loan may need to be acquired to pay and be reimbursed by ARDOT.

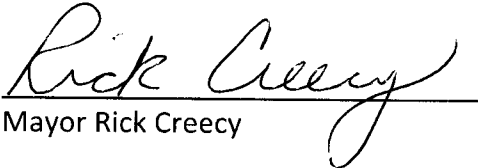
NEW BUSINESS

- a. FD Foam Unit
 - i. Fire Department would like to replace the FOAM system on both trucks at an estimated cost of \$5,500 each.
 - ii. A grant submission for one or both units is a possibility.
- b. Water/Sewer Audit
 - i. Don Ray has completed the city's 2023 water audit with NO write-ups
- c. Code Enforcement Ordinance
 - i. Mayor Creecy presented Code Enforcement Ordinance 2024-01 to the council for review.
 - ii. The council decided to table any decisions on the ordinance for further review.
- d. Trash Pickup
 - i. Current Ordinance 1975-5 identifies items that can be picked up by city employees.
 - ii. A review of this ordinance is needed to clarify homeowners vs businesses and landlords.
- e. LOPFI Police Dept.
 - i. The question of providing LOPFI for our full-time officers has arisen.
 - ii. Due to cost, the council agreed to hold off for the time.
 - iii. Skaggs suggested having the officers join the volunteer Fire Department under their plan.
- f. Water Adjustment to Date
 - i. Water adjustments to date this year (4) were reviewed and approved by the council with a motion from Bell, followed by a second from Skaggs; and all said aye.
- g. Legislative Audit
 - i. Auditor Scott McAfee is working on the city's legislative audit.


The final order of business was a suggestion by Chief Gattis to hire Dylan Smith as an Animal Control Officer. The council voted to pay Smith \$15 per dog. Smith made the motion, followed by a second from Jackson; and all said aye.

Jackson informed the council that speeding south on Hwy. 181 is increasing due to workers traveling to Big River Steel early in the morning.

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



Mayor Rick Creecy



Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars