

CITY OF KEISER
City Council Meeting
February 18, 2025

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at Keiser City Hall at 6 PM. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy; Recorder Penny Wilbanks; and Councilmembers Donna Bell, Joey Jackson, and Laura Smith. Absent from the meeting was Councilman Lynn Skaggs.

In the January minutes, the date of the next meeting was changed from February 17th to February 18th due to February 17th being a holiday. The January minutes were then approved with a motion by Bell, followed by a second by Jackson; and all said aye.

Financial Reports for January were reviewed and approved with a motion by Smith; followed by a second by Bell; and all said aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. LOPFI – Police Department
Mayor Creecy informed the council members that he is still working on numbers and would have more information in the next meeting.
- b. Subdivision West Main
Mayor Creecy noted that he has had multiple conversations with Cotton to Steel and that they have put him in contact with Guy Pardew of Olympus Construction. In speaking with Mr. Pardew, Mayor Creecy has provided information on our vision for this subdivision.
- c. Easement on Cypress Street
Bobby & Linda Kirk have agreed to sign the easement for Cypress Street. Should they decide to change their minds on the agreement, we would have to go with the eminent domain process.
- d. Easement Main Street
 - i. Mayor Creecy is still in the process of negotiating with the University of Arkansas and has provided all information that they have requested. If further assistance is needed, we will contact Senator Dave Wallace.
 - ii. The Lift Station for Main Street has been scheduled for delivery in late April and should be installed by the end of May.
- e. Firearm in Orlando, FL.
The Glock that was taken to Orlando by Michael Shively in October, is now packaged and ready to ship back to us, according to Orlando Police.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. USDA Reports
 - i. The FY2024 profit & loss reports were reviewed and approved with a motion by Bell, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye.
 - ii. These reports, along with other updated information, is required for yearly reviews for our (2) loans with USDA.
- b. Advanced Grant Training
 - i. Mayor Creecy will be attending an Advanced Grant Training Seminar in Little Rock on March 5-6.
- c. Police Officers
 - i. Chief Jerry Hamilton has hired a full-time officer, Josh Allen, to join the Keiser Police Department. Patrolman Allen has his certification but needs some refresher classes.
 - ii. We have (2) new Part-time officers. Officer Andrew Wyles also works for the Mississippi County Sheriff's Department, and Officer Austin French from Gosnell.
- d. Officer Initiatives
 - i. Chief Hamilton is working continuously on code enforcement to better the City of Keiser.
 - ii. Mayor Creecy has been working with Chief Hamilton on getting a Neighborhood Watch going for the City of Keiser. We want to make our citizens feel safe in Keiser.
 - iii. Our "Helmets for Heroes" program is to encourage our kids to be safe even while riding bikes. When we see a child wearing their helmet, they will get a reward and be entered in for a big prize.
 - iv. Chief Hamilton will initiate an event for fingerprinting the children and taking DNA samples.
- e. Grants
 - i. We have applied for a Lowes Hometown Grant to be able to have a Pickleball Court.
 - 1. A Harbor Freight grant has been applied for to purchase necessary tools for the Fire Department.
 - ii. The City of Keiser has received Fire Protection Grant Money in the amount of \$29,425.88 to purchase (3) SCBA and (2) AWIN Radios for the Fire Department. We also received a \$200 gift card from Harbor Freight. This card was given to Reggie Horton to purchase tools for the Fire Department.
 - iii. Mayor Creecy is working with Delta Regional on a grant for a Water Aerator. We are waiting for help from the community with letters of

support in identifying the issues at hand. Also, in the works there is a grant from T-Mobile to purchase a Basketball & Pickleball Court.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Dylan Smith is no longer an employee for the City of Keiser.
- b. Paul Borden has been hired to work in Dylan's place. Starting out part-time but will work towards being full-time.
- c. Mayor Creecy presented the Five Pillars of Growth for our Economic Development.

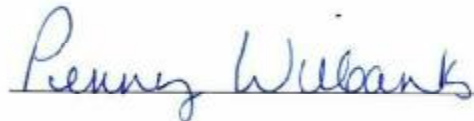
In conclusion, Councilman Bell enquired about the opening of the Diner and the Inspection of the City Street lights by Entergy.

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

The next regular council meeting will be March 17, 2025 @ 6 PM at Keiser City Hall.



MAYOR



RECORDER