

CITY OF KEISER  
City Council Meeting  
February 19, 2024

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Monday, February 19, 2024 at Keiser City Hall at 6 pm. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy; Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars; and Councilmembers Donna Bell, Joey Jackson, and Lynn Skaggs.

The January 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 Skaggs; and all said aye.

Mayor Creecy introduced Officer Gaylon Payton to the council. Officer Payton has been hired through the COPS Grant that will provide 75% of his salary.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. A new phone system has been installed in City Hall.
- b. 17 streetlights have been reported to Entergy for being out.
  - i. Emails have been received stating that repairs have been made.
  - ii. Will do an audit to verify all are working.
- c. The council voted to install a fishing pond on the south end of the city park. Jackson provided the motion, followed by a second from Bell; and all said aye.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Water Tank Update
  - i. Mayor Creecy met with the contractor and engineer the morning of February 19<sup>th</sup> to finalize plans to clean and paint the city's water tank.
  - ii. Work is scheduled to begin February 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. The estimated time to complete could be three weeks depending on the weather.
- b. Sewer System Update
  - i. The Lagoon Lift Station was shipped to the contractor February 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. The estimated time to complete is three weeks.
  - iii. Televising of the sewer system has been held up by the project manager.
- c. Bobby Manuel and Chase Jackson have requested payment of \$329.60 and 202.67 respectively to Fountain Plumbing for overflow into their houses caused by a sewer system overflow due to heavy rain.
  - i. Jackson motioned to approve payment, followed by a second from Bell; and all said aye.
- d. Lead Pipe Audit Due October 16, 2024


- i. The Arkansas Department of Health has mandated this audit. Funding is available if found.
- ii. Ryan Mills from Horner & Shifrin, Inc. will be performing the audit for the City of Keiser.
- iii. Information he requested has been provided.
- iv. The planned date to start is June.
- e. Restricted Area/Photo & Video Policy
  - i. The Arkansas Municipal League has recommended each municipality adopt a Restricted Area & Photo/Video Policy
  - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Auditors (aka YouTubers) are going around towns and doing videos to place on YouTube trying to provoke and instigate problems to get more clicks.
  - iii. Our city attorney has reviewed the policy and found no issues.
  - iv. Skaggs motioned to accept the policy, followed by a second from Bell; and all said aye.
- f. Grants
  - i. An AARP \$22,758 grant for the senior area in the park has been submitted.
  - ii. A Lowe's Hometown \$25,000 grant for the senior area in the park has been submitted.
  - iii. A MsCo. W/S \$125,000 round 2 grant has been submitted.
  - iv. A Blue & You \$1,937 AED grant has been submitted.
  - v. A \$100,000 Fun Park grant has been awarded to the city.
  - vi. Total awards so far - \$1,034,082.
- g. Data Mining Ordinance – Suspended per State advice.


#### OTHER BUSINESS

- a. 2 individuals have questioned their water bills. Both have paid. Their water usage exceeded in January what they had used for all of 2023.
- h. i. The council approved a 50% adjustment on both bills with a motion from Jackson, followed by a second from Skaggs; and all said aye.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2024, at 6 pm at Keiser City Hall.

  
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Mayor Rick Creecy

  
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Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars