

CITY OF KEISER  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 20, 2023

The Keiser City council met in regular session Monday, February 20, 2023 at 6 pm at Keiser City Hall. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy; Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars; and councilmembers Donna Bell, Laura Smith, and Lynn Skaggs.

The first order of business was nominations for the vacant Ward 1 Position 2 council seat. Smith nominated candidate Joey Jackson for the position, followed by a second from Skaggs. The vote was unanimous for Jackson. After being sworn in by Mayor Creecy, Jackson took his seat at the council table making the city's 4-member council complete.

The January 24th minutes were read and approved with a Smith motion followed by a Skaggs second, and all said aye.

The city's 2022 financial reports were reviewed and approved. Smith made the motion. Skaggs provided the second and all said aye. The city's balance sheet and income statement will now be forwarded to the USDA as required.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Annexation

- Mississippi County clerk's office missed a step in completing the annexation.
- Revenue will be moved from Mississippi County to the City of Keiser.
- The 911 address for the homes annexed will change from County Road to West Main Street.

##### Dollar General

- The Bounds family had been contacted concerning the acreage for the proposed Dollar General. They declined the sale of their property.
- Mayor Creecy stated that he is seeking other possibilities for the 1.5 acres needed for the project.
- The city's contractor representative gave a March 1 deadline to lock in acreage.

##### Lift Stations

- Jefferson and Poplar stations have been replaced.
- Main Street station's motor will be replaced.
- Poplar Street's pump will be replaced.

##### Sewer Grant Update

- Grant announcements for sewer grants will be Mid-February.

- According to lobbyist, 2 more rounds of grant money for sewer will be available, this fall and next spring.
- Adjustments to sewer rates can be made prior to the next round.
- Mayor Creecy recommended the city convert the \$10 surcharge to an addition to sewer rates. This would increase sewer rates by an additional \$17, making sewer rates \$32, the amount needed to be eligible for the sewer grant.

#### Vicious Dog Resolution

- The council were given a vicious dog resolution to review for the March council meeting.
- Mayor Creecy plans to send the resolution to the city attorney and our Humane Society Representative for their review also.

#### Rate Study

- There have been a few hold-ups along the way since 03/29/2022, but the rate study is still scheduled to be done.

#### Water Training

- All seated council members have now completed their training classes. New Council Member Jackson will begin his training class as soon as possible.

#### AWIN

- Mayor Creecy and Police Chief Austin have submitted a 75-25 % \$8,715 AWIN Grant for the police department.
- A \$3,000 100 % equipment grant has also been submitted.

#### Lexipol

- Mayor Creecy provided the council with brochures from Lexipol, a grant finding, grant writing service for their review.
- The cost for this service is \$6,000 for 2 years on the maintenance plan. The company's success rate is 40%.
- Mayor Creecy informed the council that he has submitted 11 grants, with 3 being awarded and 5 pending.

#### Fire Truck

- A FEMA grant has been submitted to replace the city's current fire truck.

#### Economic Development Committee

- University of Arkansas has been contacted for assistance in organizing committees.
- County Extension Agent Pam Pruetz will assist in determining how to proceed.

#### Colonial Insurance

- Brochures for health insurance were given to the council for review.

#### County Trash

- County Judge Nelson has been contacted in regards to a county ordinance on trash build-up on homes in the county.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

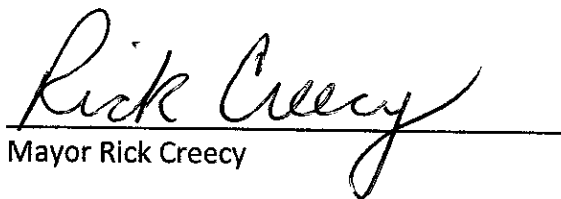
- Resolution 2023-04 authorizing the mayor to submit a park grant was adopted by a Skaggs motion followed by a Smith second, and all said aye.
- A citizen's water bill was adjusted from 18,070 gallons back to a normal useage.
- A building permit for Ray Bell was approved unanimously.
- Crittenden County Ambulance may be coming to Osceola. Council was asked to consider their thoughts on participating.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Mayor Creecy called the council into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.
- Back in session the council moved to seek collection of monies owed to the city by a former employee in the way of unearned vacation.

With no further business to discuss, Skaggs motioned to adjourn the meeting. Smith seconded the motion, and all said aye.

The next scheduled council meeting will be March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6pm @ Keiser City Hall.

  
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Mayor Rick Creecy

  
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Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars