

**CITY OF KEISER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
October 16, 2023**

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6 pm at Keiser City hall. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy; Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars; and Council Members Donna Bell, Joey Jackson, Laura Smith, and Lynn Skaggs.

August minutes that had previously been tabled were read and approved with a motion from Smith followed by a second from Skaggs; and all said aye. September minutes were read and approved with a motion from Bell followed by a second from Jackson; and all said aye.

Monthly financial reports were reviewed and approved with a motion from Jackson followed by a second from Skaggs.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Ordinance 2023-04 – Sewer Location Ordinance was adopted.
  - i. To dispense with 3 readings in entirety – Motion – Jackson; Second – Bell; all said aye.
  - ii. Read in entirety – Motion – Bell; Second – Skaggs; all said aye.
  - iii. 1<sup>st</sup> by title only – Motion – Bell; Second – Smith; all said aye.
  - iv. 2<sup>nd</sup> by title only – Motion – Jackson; Second – Bell; all said aye.
  - v. Emergency Clause – Motion – Jackson; Second – Skaggs; all said aye.
- Ordinance 2023-5 – Split Recorder/Treasurer Position was adopted
  - i. To dispense with 3 readings in entirety – Motion – Skaggs; Second – Bell; all said aye.
  - ii. Read in entirety – Motion – Bell; Second – Jackson.
  - iii. 1<sup>st</sup> title only – Motion – Jackson; Second – Bell; all said aye.
  - iv. 2<sup>nd</sup> title only – Motion – Jackson; Second – Skaggs; all said aye.
  - v. Emergency Clause – Motion – Jackson; Second – Skaggs; all said aye.
- Old Fire Truck – Jackson reported that the fire department has decided to keep the unit as a back-up.
- New Fire House – Mayor Creecy has contacted the State Fire Marshall requesting exemption to Federal Guidelines for Fire Houses.
- Secondary Ditches – Progress is being made. Jackson recommended securing a larger excavator to finish cleaning the ditches.
- Sheriff's Auction – Mayor Creecy and Chief Austin attended the Sheriff's Auction in hopes of purchasing a vehicle for the police department. No action was taken.
  - i. There is a possibility of a donation from the city of Blytheville.
- Sewer Loan – Letter of acceptance for a \$2.5M sewer loan has been submitted.
  - i. Checking to see if televising sewer will qualify for start of project.
- Water Tank Grant – Bidding deadline for receiving bids was 9/14/2023.
  - i. Two bids received - \$370k; \$277k
  - ii. The low bid was negotiated down to \$258,600.

- a. Options for funding the difference
  1. Change scope of project.
  2. Use \$27,100 from Lift Station under budget and use funds from One-cent water.
  3. Ask the Judge to make up the difference.

#### NEW BUSINESS


- Michelle Clifton – asked the council to set a curfew for adults due to the rash of break-ins.
- WFX Workshop in Monticello
  - i. Mayor Creecy will be attending October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Water Service Suspension by customer.
  - i. The council advised against allowing this.
- Federal Compliance Audit
  - i. If \$750k of Federal money in a fiscal year is spent we will be required to have a Federal Compliance Audit performed.
  - ii. 2024 & 2025 will be the years affected.
  - iii. The fee for such an audit will be \$10-\$20k.
- Don Haile Purchase of old fire house – Tabled to a later date.
- Grants Submitted
  - i. Foundation for Rural Services Park - \$5k
  - ii. T-Mobile Park Grant - \$50k (was not awarded) – will re-apply.
  - iii. Firehouse Sub Grant for SCBA equipment - \$31k.
  - iv. LLEBG Police Grant - \$4k (awarded).
- Data Mining Ordinance
  - i. Mayor Creecy recommended the council consider enacting an ordinance to regulate Data Centers, especially the noise, in case one comes to town.
- Ordinance 2023-06 – Online Bill Paying -
  - i. To dispense with 3 readings in entirety – Motion – Jackson; Second – Bell; all said aye.
  - ii. Read in entirety – Motion – Bell; Second – Smith; all said aye.
  - iii. 1<sup>st</sup> by title only – Motion Smith; Second – Jackson; all said aye.
  - iv. 2<sup>nd</sup> by title only – Motion – Bell; Second – Skaggs; all said aye.
  - v. Emergency Clause – Motion – Jackson; Second – Smith; all said aye.
- James Wingate water bill adjusted from \$107.26 to \$68.62 for water leak.
  - i. Motion – Smith; Second – Skaggs; all said aye.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- Police Chief Glen Austin submitted his resignation Friday, October 13, 2023.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned with a motion from Smith followed by a second from Jackson.

The next scheduled meeting of the Keiser City council will be Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6pm at Keiser City Hall.

  
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Mayor Rick Creedy

  
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Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars