

CITY OF KEISER  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 17, 2023

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6 pm at Keiser City Hall. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy and Council Members Donna Bell and Joey Jackson. Absent were Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars and Council Members Laura Smith and Lynn Skaggs. Brenda Creecy recorded the minutes of the meeting. With Mayor Creecy's vote a quorum was declared.

Approval of the March 2023 minutes was deferred until the May council meeting.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

Updates were given by Mayor Creecy on the following issues:

- Water training for the council
- Judge helping with the county trash issue
  - a. Judge has been contacted for verification that has been served
- Economic Development Committee
  - a. Committee has met twice. (Initial kick-off meeting and training session with representatives from ASU.
- Dog Pound
  - a. Pound is up and running
  - b. Stray dogs are being picked up
  - c. One pit bull has been picked up for biting and aggressive behavior
  - d. A citizen on Jefferson is complaining about proximity of the pound to his house.
- Police Equipment Grant
  - a. \$3000 received
  - b. Items purchased – Laptop, Binoculars, (2) 200K Lumen Floodlights, Portable car booster, Dashcams, (2) Tactical flashlights, Raincoat, Car lockout kits, (2) Handcuffs, (2) Go bags, Breathalyzer.

#### Ordinance 2023-01

- Vicious dog ban ordinance
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> reading in entirety – Jackson motion; Bell second; Mayor did not vote.
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading by title – Jackson motion; Bell second; Mayor Creecy did not vote.
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title – Jackson motion; Bell second; Mayor Creecy did not vote.

With only a 50% approval, Ordinance 2023-1 failed.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Grants Submitted

- 22 grants submitted since January 2021
- 5 grants awarded (just under \$300k)
- 12 grants pending
  1. ARPA Sewer Grant \$4.6M
  2. Rural community Grant (Park) \$15k 50/50
  3. AARP Community Grant (Park) \$187,124
  4. Blue & You Grant (FD SCBA) \$92,534
  5. T-Mobile Hometown Grant (Park) \$50k
  6. CBDG Drainage \$500k
  7. Mississippi County Infrastructure Grant Program
    - a. \$200k Water Tank & Filter House 25% match
    - b. \$200k Lagoon Lift Station Rework 25% match
    - c. Recommended we re-allocate ARPA money from televising the sewer to being utilized for the match money.
  8. DOJ Body Cam Grant \$1506
  9. COPS Microgrant \$25,000
  10. ACT 833
  11. FEMA FD Grant – New Fire Truck
- 15 additional grants have already been identified and plan to be submitted.

### Beautification Committee

- 12 volunteers so far
- Kick-off meeting 4/13 to discuss projects

### 2023 Budget Adjustment

- Additional income and expenses added to General Fund
- Recommend \$5k line item for Beautification Committee

### Code Enforcement

- Recommend updating ordinance
- Chief Austin has been asked to review items that may not be spelled out clearly in the existing ordinance.
- Added keeping carports clean and orderly
- Recommended landlord be responsible for property violation

### Zoning Ordinance

- Sample ordinance for council review on zoning 25 acres on West Main

### Resolution 2023-05 (ARDOT Tap Program) Bike Walking Trail (128,425) city's part - \$40k

- Bell motion; Jackson second; all said aye – adopted 04/17/2023

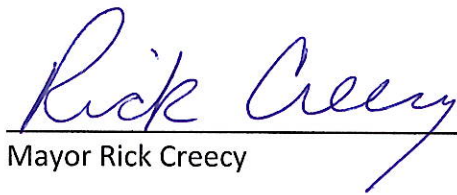
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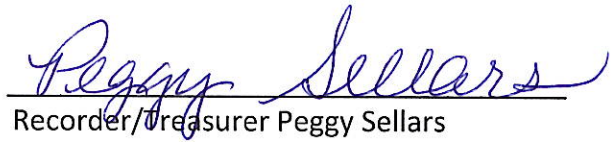
- Will be reviewed next meeting

The City of Keiser Website has been launched.

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

The next regular meeting of the Keiser City Council will be May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6pm at Keiser City Hall.

  
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Mayor Rick Creery

  
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Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars