# Keiser City Council Agenda

## March 17, 2025, Keiser City Hall

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Minutes (February 2024 Regular Council Meeting)
- 4. Financial Report
- 5. Old Business
  - a. New Full Time Officer
  - b. Easement Main Street
  - c. Easement Cypress Street
  - d. LOPHI Police Department
  - e. Subdivision West Main
  - f. Firearm in Orlando
- 6. New Business
  - a. 2023 Legislative Audit
  - b. Speed Limit on Main Street & Crosswalk
  - c. Business Tax
  - d. Home Business
  - e. Rural Services Block Grant (FD)
  - f. Credit Card Policy & Procedure
  - g. Advanced Grant Training
  - h. Grants
    - i. Applied For
      - 1. AARP Grant
      - 2. T-Mobile Hometown Grant Q1
    - ii. Awarded
      - 1. BCBS Mini Grant
- 7. Other Business
- 8. Next regular meeting will be April 21, 2025 @ 6:pm Keiser City Hall
- 9. Adjournment

### **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 17<sup>th</sup> to February 18<sup>th</sup> due to February 17<sup>th</sup> 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
  - 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

 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

- 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.

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MAYOR		RECORDER	

# **CITY OF KEISER**

# February 2025 Bank Balances

GENERAL	\$251,359.38
ACT 833	\$42,876.78
STREET	\$170,689.86
WATER/SEWER REVENUE	\$10,129.55
WATER/SEWER OPERATING	\$104,510.23
ONE-CENT WATER	\$175,892.67
ONE-CENT SEWER	\$146,700.78
SEWER LOAN DEPRECIATION RES	\$11,536.65
METER DEPOSIT	\$26,184.03
	\$939,879.93
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	\$60,136.00
	\$1,000,015.93
SQUARE PAY	\$2,172.08
FUN PARK GRANT	\$50,091.05
SEWER LOAN GRANT	\$179.09
COMMUNITY POLICING	\$1,971.68
COPS PROGRAM	\$755.74
PSEG	\$0.00
RURAL PARK GRANT	\$0.00
LIFT STATION GRANT	\$0.00
WATER TANK GRANT	\$0.00
	\$55,169.64

**GRAND TOTAL** 

\$1,055,185.57

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02/03/2025	44438	Office of Child Supp	2030 · Child Support/	S Smith 00252	122.40	Х		226,028.63
02/03/2025	44430	Jerry Hamilton	-split-		433.10	X		225,595.53
02/03/2025	44431	Penny L Wilbanks	-split-		578.54	X		225,016.99
02/03/2025	44432	Rodney N. Brown	-split-		630.41	X		224,386.58
02/03/2025	44433	Steven D Smith	-split-		156.23	X		224,230.35
02/03/2025	44434	Bennie Davis	-split-		380.28	X		223,850.07
02/03/2025	44435	Daniel Broughman	-split-		102.51	X		223,747.56
02/03/2025	44436	Howard V. Cross	-split-		76.30	X		223,671.26
02/03/2025	44437	Stacy F Burks	-split-		74.26	X		223,597.00
02/03/2025	44439	Andrew R Wyles	-split-		189.62	X		223,407.38
02/04/2025	D405662	Revenue	3700 · Sanitation Fees	1/26/25-2/01/25		X	880.90	224,288.28
02/05/2025		Entergy	3756 - Dog Pound Elec	ACH, Withdra	207.78	X		224,080.50
02/05/2025		Entergy	7400 · Fire Dept = Elec	ACH, Withdra	373.06	X		223,707.44
02/05/2025		Entergy	7400 · Fire Dept - Elec	ACH, Withdra	76.91	X		223,630.53
02/05/2025		Entergy	5400 · City Hall-Electr	ACH, Withdra	165.30	X		223,465.23
02/05/2025		Entergy	5401 · Main Street #1	ACH, Withdra	17.16	X		223,448.07
02/05/2025		Entergy	5403 · Main Street #3	ACH, Withdra	13.11	X		223,434.96
02/05/2025		Entergy	5402 · Main Street #2	ACH, Withdra	7.16	X		223,427.80
02/05/2025		Cadence	5327 · Return Check Fee	returned check	170.55	X		223,257.25
02/06/2025	44440	Steven D Smith	-split-		42.85	X		223,214.40
02/07/2025		Cadence	3950 · Misc Revenue	returned fees fr		X	2.53	223,216.93
02/07/2025	44441	Andrews Tire Service	6350 · Sanitation - Rep	Services billed	139.75			223,077.18
02/07/2025	44442	Buffalo Island Services	$6200\cdot Sanitation\text{Wast}$	January Rental	90.00			222,987.18
02/07/2025	44443	SkyCop, Inc	8006 · SkyCop, Inc.	Invoice #29467	330.38			222,656.80
02/07/2025	44444	Collier Electric	3765 · Dog Pound <b>-</b> Re	Inv #14972	2,614.23			220,042.57
02/07/2025	44445	Kennemore Home Im	3755 · Dog Pound	Statement # 6098	351.52	X		219,691.05
02/07/2025	44446	Gunn's Supermarket	5208 · City Expense	Inv 002003871	84.99			219,606.06
02/07/2025	44447	Auto Tire & Parts	-split-	Account 53138	1,971.92	X		217,634.14
02/10/2025	D405665	Revenue	3500 · State Turnback	Municipal Gen		X	769.28	218,403.42
02/10/2025	D405666	Revenue	3950 · Misc Revenue	Entergy Interes		X	162.27	218,565.69
02/10/2025	D405667	Revenue	3200 · Franchise Tax	Franchise Fees		X	250.88	218,816.57
02/10/2025	D405668	Revenue	3725 · Garbage Bag Sa	garbage bags 3		X	340.00	219,156.57
02/10/2025	D405669	Revenue	3751 · Dog Tag Revenue	Pet Registrations		X	70.00	219,226.57
02/10/2025	D405670	Revenue	3754 · Misc - Dog Pou	Fees for custo		X	25.00	219,251.57
02/10/2025		Department of Finan	2400 · Payroll Liabiliti	71 <b>-</b> 0467243	828.00	X		218,423.57
02/10/2025	44455	Office of Child Supp	2030 · Child Support/	S Burks <b>-</b> 8782	130.20			218,293.37
02/10/2025	44448	Jerry Hamilton	-split-		433.08	X		217,860.29
02/10/2025	44449	Penny L Wilbanks	-split-		578.53	X		217,281.76
02/10/2025	44450	Rodney N. Brown	-split-		486.03	X		216,795.73
02/10/2025	44451	Bennie Davis	-split-		352.55	X		216,443.18

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02/10/2025	44452	Stacy F Burks	-split-		193.47	v		216,249.71
02/10/2025		Howard V. Cross	-split-		158.69			216,091.02
02/10/2025	44454	Daniel Broughman	-split-		33.23			216,057.79
02/10/2025		Revenue	3700 · Sanitation Fees	02/02/25-02/08	33.23	X	5.739.42	221,797.21
02/11/2025		Revenue	3350 · Grant Revenue	ΛFPSB <b>-</b> Fire		X	29,425.88	251,223.09
02/11/2025	D403072	Ritter Communication	5450 · City Hall - Tele	ACH, Withdra	417.04		27,723.00	250,806.05
02/11/2025	44456	Patrick Boyd	8501 · Police Vehicle	Work on Police	835.00			249,971.05
02/11/2025	44457	Mississippi County L	6200 · Sanitation=Wast	Acet #800	1,124.62			248,846.43
	44458	Department of Finan	2035 · Sales & Use Tax	12/31/2024 Sa	264.44			248,581.99
02/11/2025	44430	Black Hills Energy	5308 · City Hall Gas (	ACH, Withdra	320.36			248,261.63
02/12/2025	5193	Ritter Communication	7450 · Fire Dept -Tele	Check, Withdra	76.94			248,201.03
	5193	Ritter Communication	8450 · Police Dept - Te	Check, Withdra	25.50			248,159.19
02/12/2023	3194	LOPFI	7200 · Fire Dept = Reti		130.91			248,028.28
02/13/2025		Cadence	5006 · Bank Fees	ACH Payment		X		
02/13/2023	44469			Analysis S Burks = 8782	130.20			248,026.50
02/14/2025	44459	Office of Child Supp	2030 · Child Support/	5 Burks = 6/62	578.53			247,896.30
		Penny L Wilbanks	-split-					247,317.77
02/14/2025	44460	Jerry Hamilton	-split-		433.09			246,884.68
02/14/2025	44461	Rodney N. Brown	-split-		496.63			246,388.05
02/14/2025	44462	Stacy F Burks	-split-		15.45			246,372.60
02/14/2025	44463	Bennie Davis	-split-		341.36			246,031.24
02/14/2025	44464	Paul D Borden	-split-		180.17			245,851.07
02/14/2025	44465	Daniel Broughman	-split-		83.12			245,767.95
02/14/2025	44466	Howard V. Cross	-split-		158.68			245,609.27
02/14/2025		Andrew R Wyles	-split-		230.47			245,378.80
02/14/2025	44468	Austin J French	-split-		94.12			245,284.68
02/18/2025		Revenue	3700 · Sanitation Fees	02/09/25 <b>-</b> 02/15		X	7,466.75	252,751.43
02/18/2025	D405674	Revenue	3950 · Misc Revenue	returned check		X	170.55	252,921.98
02/20/2025		American Express	-split-	4 <b>-</b> 61000	2,321.84	X		250,600.14
02/21/2025	44470	Buffalo Island Services	6200 · Sanitation-Wast	Inv #6895	586.90			250,013.24
02/21/2025	44471	Buffalo Island Services	6200 · Sanitation-Wast	Inv # 6977	90.00			249,923.24
02/24/2025		IRS	2400 · Payroll Liabilities	January	4,314.44			245,608.80
02/24/2025	44480	Office of Child Supp	2030 · Child Support/	S Burks 87827	130.20			245,478.60
02/24/2025	44472	Penny L Wilbanks	-split-		578.85	X		244,899.75
02/24/2025	44473	Jerry Hamilton	-split-		433.34	X		244,466.41
	44474	Rodney N. Brown	-split-		529.54			243,936.87
02/24/2025	44475	Paul D Borden	-split-		197.64	X		243,739.23
02/24/2025	44476	Howard V. Cross	-split-		170.21	X		243,569.02
02/24/2025	44477	Daniel Broughman	-split-		143.97			243,425.05
02/24/2025	44478	Bennie Davis	-split-		277.51	X		243,147.54
02/24/2025	44479	Stacy F Burks	-split-		66.21	X		243,081.33

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### City of Keiser General Fund

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Date	Number	Payce	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
02/25/2025	D405675	Revenue	3950 · Misc Revenue	Reimbursement		X	114.69	243,196.02
02/25/2025	D405676	Revenue	3200 · Franchise Tax	Entergy - 1st Q		X	6,971.86	250,167.88
02/25/2025	D405677	Revenue	3415 · One Cent Sewer	one cent sewer		X	3,748.38	253,916.26
02/25/2025	D405678	Revenue	3410 · One Cent Water	one cent water		X	3,748.38	257,664.64
02/25/2025	D405679	Revenue	3400 · Local Sales & U	county sales &		X	17,683.75	275,348.39
02/25/2025	D405680	Revenue	3200 · Franchise Tax	Ritter Commun		X	248.68	275,597.07
02/25/2025	D405681	Revenue	3950 · Misc Revenue	refund		X	34.13	275,631.20
02/25/2025	D405682	Revenue	3700 · Sanitation Fees	2/16/25 <b>-</b> 2/22/25		X	1,951.46	277,582.66
02/25/2025		One-Cent Sewer Fund	1003 · Transfer	one-cent water	3,748.38	X		273,834.28
02/25/2025		Sewer Loan Debt De	1003 · Transfer	one-cent sewer	3,748.38	X		270,085.90
02/25/2025	44481	Miller-Newell Engin	9600 · Park Improvem	Inv 84945, Job	12,050.00			258,035.90
02/25/2025	44482	Paragould Communi	7225 · Fire Dept. Equi	Estimate # 400	4,921.88			253,114.02
02/26/2025	44483	Emergency Equipme	7300 · Fire Dept = Sup	Inv 512165 Cu	222.94			252,891.08
02/27/2025		Black Hills Energy	7151 · Fire Dept Gas (	ACH, Withdra	222.63	X		252,668.45
02/27/2025		LOPFI	7200 · Fire Dept - Reti	ACH, Withdra	468.00	X		252,200.45
02/27/2025	5196	Lowe's	6300 · Sanitation-Supp	Check, Withdra	88.05	X		252,112.40
02/27/2025	44484	Penny L Wilbanks	4300 · Recorder/Treas	VOID: February				252,112.40
02/27/2025	44487	Rick Creecy	3960 · Misc Expense	February Milea	203.05			251,909.35
02/27/2025	44485	Penny L Wilbanks	-split-		55.41	X		251,853.94
02/27/2025	44486	Rickey J Creecy	-split-		400.22			251,453.72
02/28/2025		Intuit	5209 · Office Technolo	Supplies	94.34	X		251,359.38

### Water & Sewer Fund

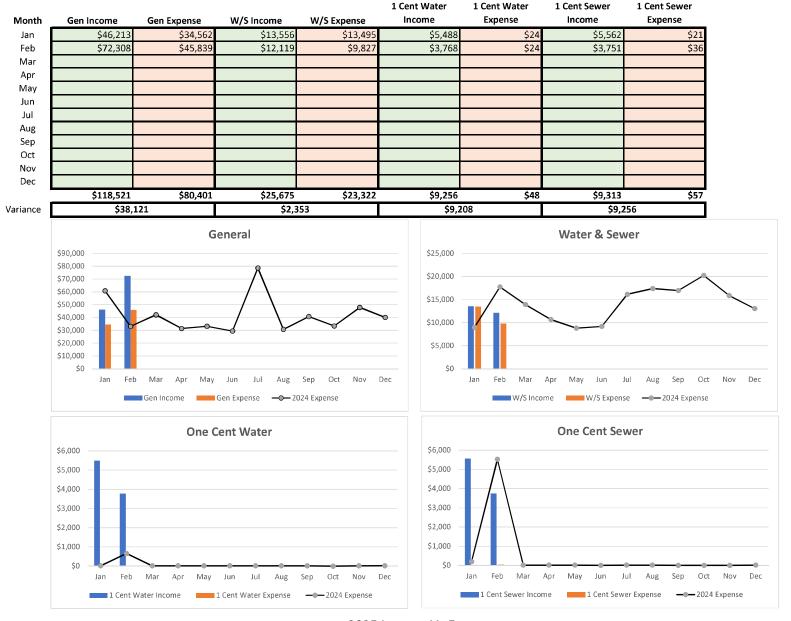
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Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
02/04/2025	D406062	Revenue	3102 - Surcharge	1/26/25=2/01/25		X	496.00	10,198.18
02/05/2025		USDA/Rural Develo	1975 - Well Construction		2,339.00	X		7,859.18
02/06/2025		Arkansas Department	SRFKEISER <b>-</b> 02330 <b>-</b>	Loan Servicing	130.63	X		7,728.55
02/11/2025	D406063	Revenue	3102 - Surcharge	2/02/25 <b>-</b> 2/08/25		X	1,824.00	9,552.55
02/18/2025	D406064	Revenue	3102 - Surcharge	02/09/25-02/15		X	1,952.00	11,504.55
02/18/2025		USDA/Rural Develo	1976 - New Water Pro		2,239.00	$\mathbf{X}$		9,265.55
02/25/2025	D406066	Revenue	3102 - Surcharge	2/16/25-2/22/25		X	864.00	10,129.55

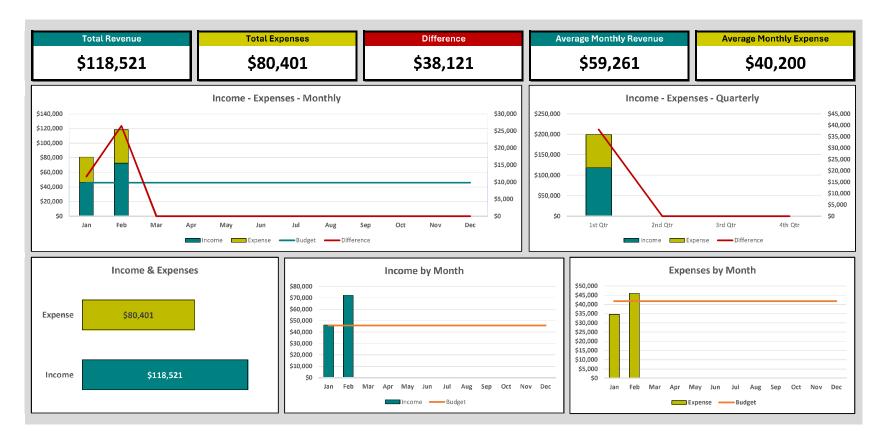
### Water & Sewer Fund

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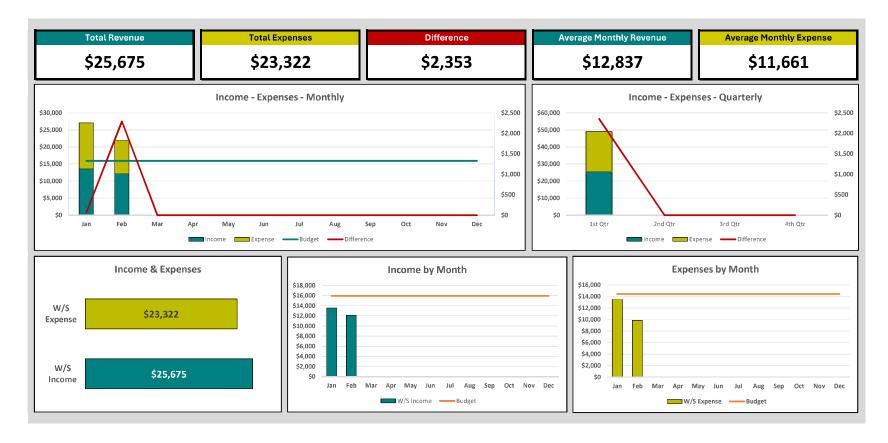
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02/04/2025	D416465	Revenue	3380 · Miscellaneous	Donation - Lesl		X	51.38	102,697.68
02/04/2025	D416466	Revenue	3100 - Water Sales Rev	1/26/25-2/01/25		X	2,237.15	104,934.83
02/04/2025	D416467	Revenue	2100 - Transfer Funds	transfer bad de		Х	19.41	104,954.24
02/05/2025		Entergy	5400 <b>-</b> Electricity:5410	ACH, Withdra	747.27	X		104,206.97
02/05/2025		Entergy	5400 <b>-</b> Electricity:5415	ΛCH, Withdra	137.40	X		104,069.57
02/05/2025		Entergy	5400 <b>-</b> Electricity:5420	ACH, Withdra	175.36	X		103,894.21
02/05/2025		Entergy	5400 - Electricity:5425	ACH, Withdra	270.90	X		103,623.31
02/06/2025	12498	Jacob Mann	5350 <b>-</b> Repairs & Main	Reimbursement	240.00	X		103,383.31
02/07/2025	12499	Winwater of Northea	5360 · Equipment	Customer 0027	471.13			102,912.18
02/07/2025	12500	Hach	5300 - Supplies	Inv # 14344701	84.75			102,827.43
02/07/2025	12501	Auto Tire & Parts	5300 - Supplies	Acct 53138	271.51	X		102,555.92
02/10/2025		Ark Dept of Finance	4001 - Ark Sales Tax	71-0467243	328.00	X		102,227.92
02/11/2025	D416468	Revenue	3100 - Water Sales Rev	2/02/25=2/08/25		X	1,393.05	103,620.97
02/11/2025	12502	Environmental Servi	5600 - Laboratory Anal	001825	425.00	X		103,195.97
02/11/2025		Mississippi County E	5400 - Electricity:5401	ACH, Withdra	382.11	X		102,813.86
02/12/2025		Entergy	5400 - Electricity	water	1,052.80	X		101,761.06
02/18/2025	D416469	Revenue	3100 - Water Sales Rev	02/09/25-02/15		X	1,091.70	102,852.76
02/25/2025	D416470	Revenue	3100 - Water Sales Rev	2/16/25 <b>-</b> 2/22/25		X	2,190.09	105,042.85
02/25/2025	12503	Arkansas Department	5650 - Permits & Fees	2024 Water Us	10.00			105,032.85
02/26/2025	12504	Hawkins, Inc.	5300 - Supplies	VOID: chlorine		X		105,032.85
02/27/2025	12505	U S Post Office	5470 <b>-</b> Postage	Postage	122.62			104,910.23
02/27/2025	12506	Stephen Moore	5304 - Contract Labor	Meter Reading	400.00			104,510.23



### 2025 Gen



2025 W-S



# **2025 LOPFI Payments**

Chief of Police (Salary)
DOJ 2nd Fulltime Officer (Hourly)
(2) Part-Time Officer 24 hrs. wk (Hourly)
Auxiliary Officer

	Ci	ty			City				
	LOPFI	Yea	rly		LOPFI Weekly				
	23.9%		25.9%		:	23.9%		25.9%	
)	\$ 6,580.75	\$	7,130.75		\$	126.55	\$	137.13	
)	\$ 7,963.90	\$	8,629.50		\$	153.15	\$	165.95	
)	\$ 5,982.50	\$	6,482.50		\$	115.05	\$	124.66	
r	\$ 1,196.50	\$	1,296.50	_	\$	23.01	\$	24.93	
	\$ 21,723.65	\$	23,539.51	_	\$	418.00	\$	452.94	

Chief of Police (Salary)
DOJ 2nd Fulltime Officer (Hourly)
(2) Part-Time Officer 24 hrs. wk (Hourly)
Auxiliary Officer

	Empl	oye		Employee					
	LOPFI	Yea	rly		LOPFI Weekly				
	3.5%		9.5%		;	3.5%		9.5%	
/)	\$ 962.50	\$	2,612.50		\$	18.51	\$	50.24	
/)	\$ 1,164.80	\$	3,161.60		\$	22.40	\$	60.80	
/)	\$ 875.00	\$	2,375.00		\$	16.83	\$	45.67	
r	\$ 175.00	\$	475.00	_	\$	3.37	\$	9.13	
	\$ 3,177.30	\$	8,624.20		\$	61.14	\$	165.94	

## **Business Tax**

## Fee Amount

Type Business	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	<b>\$125</b>	\$150	<b>\$175</b>	\$200
Businesses	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Rentals	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105
=	\$2,825	\$5,650	\$8,475	\$11,300	\$14,125	\$16,950	\$19,775	\$22,600

Yearly	\$2,825	\$5,650	\$8,475	\$11,300	\$14,125	\$16,950	\$19,775	\$22,600
5 Years	\$14,125	\$28,250	\$42,375	\$56,500	\$70,625	\$84,750	\$98,875	\$113,000
10 Years	\$28,250	\$56,500	\$84,750	\$113,000	\$141,250	\$169,500	\$197,750	\$226,000
15 Years	\$42,375	\$84,750	\$127,125	\$169,500	\$211,875	\$254,250	\$296,625	\$339,000
20 Years	\$56,500	\$113,000	\$169,500	\$226,000	\$282,500	\$339,000	\$395,500	\$452,000
25 Years	\$70,625	\$141,250	\$211,875	\$282,500	\$353,125	\$423,750	\$494,375	\$565,000



### RE: Legal Advice on Home-Based Dog Grooming Business

From Caleb Alexander < CAlexander@arml.org>

Date Fri 3/7/2025 3:00 PM

To Rick Creecy < rjc.cityofkeiser@gmail.com>

1 attachment (105 KB)

14-1-106 Home-based businesses--Legislative findings and intent--Definitions.pdf;

Hey Mayor,

I hope things are going well in your neck of the woods. John was (per usual) absolutely right. Municipalities are very restricted in their ability to regulate home based businesses. I'm not sure what the nature of the complaints your receiving are, but the city may not be able to do a lot to curb them. In many cases, complaints from citizens about homebased businesses will need to be handled like private nuisances—i.e. by a civil action between the citizens themselves, and the city isn't involved.

I've attached the statute that governs the limited scope in which municipalities can regulate home based businesses. Specifically, the statute states:

- (d) Notwithstanding any other law, local government may license or regulate home-based work if the home-based work is not prohibited and shall only be restricted as to the following:
- (1) Advertisements, signs, or other exterior evidence that a residence is being used for any purpose other than a residence:
- (2) Nuisances, including without limitation odor, excessive dust, smoke, vibration, noise, light, heat, glare, or similar disturbances:
  - (3) Health, fire, and safety codes;
  - (4) Traffic, parking, building, and maintenance codes;
  - (5) Protections for children, the elderly, and the infirm;
  - (6) Limitations on the number of employees, customers, and tenants at the residence;
  - (7) Prohibitions or limitations related to public health, safety, and welfare; and
  - (8) Licenses and regulations that apply to businesses without regard to location.

Any ordinance that the city passes to regulate the business must adhere to section (d), and if the city attempts to prosecute a violation of the ordinance, it MUST show how the property/business owner's actions violate one of the enumerated clauses in § 14-1-106(d).

I hope this helps,

### Caleb Alexander-McKinzie

ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

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From: Rick Creecy < rjc.cityofkeiser@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 11:06 AM

West's Arkansas Code Annotated

Title 14. Local Government (Refs & Annos)

Subtitle 1. General Provisions (Chapters 1 to 12) (Refs & Annos)

Chapter 1. General Provisions

Subchapter 1. Sport Shooting Ranges and Sports Facilities (Refs & Annos)

### A.C.A. § 14-1-106

§ 14-1-106. Home-based businesses—Legislative findings and intent—Definitions

#### Currentness

- (a) The General Assembly finds that:
  - (1) Small businesses often begin at home because of lower costs and increased flexibility;
  - (2) Home-based work plays a significant role in the economy as roughly half of all businesses in the United States operate primarily out of a residence; and
  - (3) Local government can hold back entrepreneurs and limit the economy of this state by enacting ordinances that require an individual to obtain a permit to operate a business in or work from the individual's own residence.
- (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this section strengthen home-based work and remove unnecessary barriers to working from home.
- (c) As used in this section:
  - (1) "Home-based work" means any occupation performed or business conducted by a resident within a residence that is clearly incidental to and secondary to the principal use of the structure for residential dwelling purposes;
  - (2) "Legislative body" means the quorum court of a county or the council, board of directors, board of commissioners, or similar elected governing body of local government;
  - (3) "Local government" means a city of the first class, a city of the second class, or an incorporated town;
  - (4) "Ordinance" means an ordinance, resolution, or other appropriate legislative enactment of a legislative body that prohibits or requires an individual to obtain approval from a local government before operating a **home-based business** from a residence or performing home-based work, including without limitation home occupation permits and licenses; and
  - (5) "Residence" means a permanent dwelling place, unit, or an accessory structure.

- (d) Notwithstanding any other law, local government may license or regulate home-based work if the home-based work is not prohibited and shall only be restricted as to the following:
  - (1) Advertisements, signs, or other exterior evidence that a residence is being used for any purpose other than a residence;
  - (2) Nuisances, including without limitation odor, excessive dust, smoke, vibration, noise, light, heat, glare, or similar disturbances;
  - (3) Health, fire, and safety codes;
  - (4) Traffic, parking, building, and maintenance codes;
  - (5) Protections for children, the elderly, and the infirm;
  - (6) Limitations on the number of employees, customers, and tenants at the residence;
  - (7) Prohibitions or limitations related to public health, safety, and welfare; and
  - (8) Licenses and regulations that apply to businesses without regard to location.
- (e) This section does not supersede:
- (1) An agreement between a homeowners' association and a homeowner; or
- (2) Any valid deed restrictions.
- (f) If a local government takes enforcement action against an individual for violating an ordinance, then the local government shall demonstrate that the ordinance is consistent with subsection (d) of this section.

### Credits

Acts of 2021, Act 659, § 1, eff. July 28, 2021.

#### A.C.A. § 14-1-106, AR ST § 14-1-106

The constitution and statutes are current through acts effective February 27, 2025, of the 2025 Regular Session of the 95th Arkansas General Assembly. Some statute sections may be more current; see credits for details. Also included are changes made by the Arkansas Code Revision Commission received through March 5, 2025.

### Form RSBGP-4 Resolution

# Resolution #\_2025-01

Be it resolved by the Keiser City Council	(governing body) of Keiser	State of Arkansas a
project entitled: KVFD Equipment Upgrade	·	
A Resolution authorizing Rick Creecy City of Keiser	(governing official) to apply	for a grant on behalf of
Whereas, the Keiser City Council (govern	ning body) has determined that Keiser	meets
eligibility requirements necessary to apply for a g	grant under the Rural Services Block Gran	t; and
Whereas, the Keiser City Council will provide opportunity for input by residents in		
Whereas, the Keiser City Council (government)	rning body) of Keiser	recognizes the need for the
project, concurs in its importance, and supports $\underline{\mbox{\rlap/}}$	in its efforts to	o proceed with the same; and
Whereas, the Keiser City Council (government)	rning body) has provided proof of ownersh	hip of the property to be
enhanced by the project; and		
Whereas, the Keiser City Council (gover \$9,542.29) to be used as match (if applicable);	rning body) has provided proof of the prop	perty value in the amount of
Therefore, be it resolved that the Appropriates a sum of \$9,542.29 to complete KVFD Equipment Upgrade (if	e the local match money requirement for the	hereby ne project entitled:
Now therefore, be it resolved by the Keiser Cit	ty Council (governing body) that th	e Keiser City Council
(governing body) affirms its commitment to take community development funds if Keiser	all action within its power to facilitate the is awarded a Rural Service	•
receipt to administer said grant by rules and regul		
and all empowered agencies thereof.		
Adopted this 17 day of March governing body.	, 2025_, at a (regularly or specially	) scheduled meeting of the
Approved:		
Signature of Mayor or County Judge		
Attest:		
Subscribed and sworn to before me	. My commission expi	res:

### Form RSBGP-8 Excessive Force Resolution

### Resolution Establishing a Policy Prohibiting the Use of Excessive Force by Law Enforcement Agencies within the Applicant's Jurisdiction Against Individuals Engaged in Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrations

<b>Resolution No.</b> 2025-02
Note: The following resolution must be enacted by each City or County as a condition of Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program funding.
Whereas, the Keiser (City/County) is applying for Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program funding.
Whereas, as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, it shall be the policy of Keiser (City/County) to ensure that the following are true:
<ol> <li>The City/County has adopted and is enforcing this policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations.</li> </ol>
2. The City/County will ensure that all law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction will enforce all applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location, which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.
3. In response to non-violent civil rights demonstrations, the City/County will be mindful and protective of the rights of all participants in such demonstrations, as well as any onlookers, bystanders, or any other persons located in the vicinity or owning property in the vicinity.
4. In connection with such demonstrations, the use of force shall be permitted only when necessary to protect the rights of individuals or to uphold the law. In no event shall the use of force in excess of that necessary to achieve the lawful goals of the City or County be permitted.
Now, therefore be it resolved that consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Acta as amended, the Keiser (City/County) will adopt and enforce the policy contained herein.
Dated: March 17, 2025
Approved:
Rick Creecy, Mayor
(Name/Title)

### City of Keiser Credit Card Policy and Procedure

Effective Date: March 17, 2025 Approved by: Rick Creecy, Mayor

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the use, authorization, and management of the City of Keiser's American Express and Lowe's credit cards. These procedures ensure responsible spending, proper documentation, and timely payment of balances.

### **Authorized Users**

- 1. The City of Keiser's American Express and Lowe's credit cards are to be used exclusively for official city business.
- 2. The only individuals authorized to use these credit cards are:
  - The Mayor
  - The Financial Director
- 3. The Mayor may authorize another city employee to use the credit cards for specific purchases on a case-by-case basis. Such authorization must be documented prior to the purchase.

### **Purchase Authorization and Documentation**

- 1. **Approval Requirement:** All purchases made with the City's credit cards must be authorized by the Mayor before the transaction occurs.
- 2. **Receipts:** A detailed receipt for each transaction must be provided to the Financial Director immediately upon completion of the purchase.
- 3. **Purchase Justification:** Each receipt must include a brief explanation of the purchase and how it pertains to city operations for all purchases.
- Unauthorized Purchases: Personal or non-city-related purchases are strictly
  prohibited. If an unauthorized charge is made, the responsible party must reimburse
  the City immediately.

### **Payment and Reconciliation**

- 1. **Monthly Statements:** The Financial Director is responsible for reviewing and reconciling the credit card statements each month.
- 2. **Timely Payment:** All credit card balances must be paid in full each month to avoid interest charges.

3. **Record Keeping:** Copies of all receipts, statements, and approvals must be maintained for auditing and financial reporting purposes.

### **Violations and Consequences**

- 1. Failure to comply with this policy may result in the suspension or revocation of credit card privileges.
- 2. Misuse or unauthorized use of the City's credit cards may lead to disciplinary action, including but not limited to termination of employment and/or legal action.

### **Policy Review**

This policy shall be reviewed annually or as needed to ensure compliance with city regulations and financial best practices.

**Acknowledgment:** By using the City of Keiser's credit cards, authorized users acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by this policy.

Rick Creecy, Mayor City of Keiser