

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Ashley Velazquez called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Council present: Ashley Velazquez, Matt Brewer, Richard Haddock, Todd Hedstrom, Brian Adams, and Rachel Trumbull.

City staff present: Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Kamme Sroufe, City Administrator; Theresa Morlan, Finance/HR Director; Debra Creekmore, City Clerk; Amanda Smith, Police Lieutenant; Thomas Bevan, Director of Public Works; and Braden Moore, Chief of Police.

Guests present: Emily Hephner, Kendra Baldrige, Joanie Harris and Taylor Messick.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Velazquez.

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda

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Motion by Brian Adams to approve the consent agenda and seconded by Todd Hedstrom.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Matt Brewer to approve agenda as written with the addition to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Attorney Client Privilege for 20 minutes. The motion seconded by Rachel Trumbull carried 5-0-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Civic Groups/Committees – Emily Hephner addressed the council on behalf of the Kechi Fair Committee with an update on the fair. It is scheduled for June 24, 2023, from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the park. Some of the events will be a Turtle Race, Fishing Derby, Food Trucks and an Ice Cream Social. The parade will also be at the park in lieu of a street parade. Anything that will fit on the sidewalk around the pond is eligible. The Arts Council is sponsoring a Decorating Booth for parade participants. This year's theme is "Shellebrate Community."

B. Kechi Good News – Matt Brewer commented that it was nice to see Emily Hephner, a former student of his, being active in the community. Theresa Morlan, Finance Director reported that her niece, Emma, is participating in the World Robotic Championship in Dallas, TX. Bloomerang Flower Shop at 1303 E. Kechi Rd., Ste. C will open on May 1, 2023.

C. Public Forum

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kechi Fair Event Application

Motion by Brian Adams to approve Kechi Fair Event to be held with site plan and to waive application fee. The motion was seconded by Richard Haddock. Motion carried 5-0-0.

B. Police Vehicle - Chief Moore presented to the council information on purchasing an additional police car. On May 8, 2023, the department will be adding a new officer. The 2023 budget allowed for six officers. The Chief recommended the Charger as a Patrol Unit. He noted that all Chargers will be going to all electric within the next two years. The 2018 Charger currently has 80,000 miles, 2020 Durango has 35,000 miles. With the addition of the new vehicle and current staffing levels, the next vehicle will not be needed for another two years.

Motion by Richard Haddock to purchase the 2023 Dodge Charger for \$45,246.89. The motion seconded by Matt Brewer. Carried 5-0-0.

C. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement – City Administrator Sroufe presented the Final Agreement for the K-254 Corridor Study to the council. The firm selected for the project is Garver in partnership with Vireo, PEC and a marketing company identifying commercial, industrial and residential development along the corridor. The project will be \$900,000 with \$175,000 provided locally. Kechi’s obligation will be \$7,400. This study will be an engagement process with local municipalities and the public. Garver will provide information for the council. This will be a plan for the entire corridor with recommendations based on benchmarks. The time frame will be one year.

Motion by Matt Brewer to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement and K-254 Study and Kechi’s obligation of \$7,400. The motion seconded by Rachel Trumbull. Carried 5-0-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS – None

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Brian Adams to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Attorney Client Privilege for 20 minutes with the meeting to resume at 7:43pm. The motion seconded by Rachel Trumbull and carried 5-0-0.


The meeting resumed at 7:47 pm, and no binding action was taken in the Executive Session.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Brian Adams to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Richard Haddock and carried 5-0-0. The time of adjournment was 7:48pm.

Signed: 

Mayor Ashley Velazquez

Attest: 

Debra Creekmore, City Clerk