

## KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2023

### I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

**Council present:** Ashley Velazquez, Matt Brewer, Todd Hedstrom and Brian Adams.

**City staff present:** Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Kamme Sroufe, City Administrator (CA); Theresa Morlan, Finance/HR Director; Debra Creekmore, City Clerk; Braden Moore, Chief of Police and Josh Meyer, Police Officer.

**Guests present:** Emily Hephner, Kendra Baldrige, Joanie Harris, Natalie and Jessica Meyer and Taylor Messick.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Mayor Velazquez.

**B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

#### Consent Agenda

##### 1. April 27, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes

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

**Motion carried 3-0-0.**

**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, II. A. the swearing-in of new Police Officer Josh Meyer and III. A. 1. Public Hearing for proposed Special Assessments. Brian Adams carried 3-0-0.**

### II. COMMUNICATIONS

**A. Swearing-In of New Police Officer Josh Meyer**

**B. Civic Groups/Committees** – Emily Hephner addressed the council on behalf of the Kechi Fair Committee. They would like Council participation as a group in the parade, opting to either walk, ride in golf carts, etc. An entry form will be available soon. A Sign-Up Genius Account will be set up with the number of volunteers needed and time commitments for each event. The schedule will be available after the next fair meeting.

**C. Kechi Good News** – Chief Moore witnessed a city staff member going above and beyond the call of duty. Jason De Haven noticed an elderly woman who seemed lost and confused walking in the City Hall parking lot. Chief Moore heard a Dispatch call about an Alzheimer's patient who was missing from Park City. She was recognized from the details of this call and Chief Moore returned her to Park City. Jason was thanked for his involvement and paying attention to his surroundings. Mayor Valezquez noted that this was Correctional Officers & Public Service Workers Appreciation Week. She thanked all for their service. She also noted various positive comments had been posted on Facebook. It was also mentioned that it was nice to see neighbors out walking and saying "hello."

**D. Public Forum** – Joanie Harris, 109 W. Chippewa, addressed the council regarding the crosswalk on Oliver at the park. It has been noticed that vehicles speed on Oliver and rarely, if not ever, stop for pedestrians there. With the population expected to grow, she asked if crosswalks were included in the

new park plans budget. She stated that she is unclear of Kansas crosswalk rules and hopes this will be addressed in park planning meetings. CA assured her that walkways and parking have been discussed. Chief Moore stated there is a KS Pedestrian Right of Way Law which requires cars to yield to pedestrians when it is evident they are either waiting or stepping out into the crosswalk. He plans to use his Facebook campaign to educate the public.

Public Forum closed at 7:22pm.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. ORDINANCE #1811-23 – An ordinance of the City of Kechi, Kansas, levying special assessment taxes on certain real properties in the city, for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of certain internal improvements benefiting such real properties; providing for the giving of notice of said special assessment taxes by publication and mailing; and providing for the collection of said special assessment taxes (Young Industrial Phase 3 Water Improvements, Young Industrial Phase 3 Sewer Improvements, Young Industrial Phase 3 Paving Improvements, and Young Industrial Phase 3 Gas Improvements).**

- 1. Public Hearing for proposed Special Assessment – Hearing opened at 7:22pm. There were no speakers. Hearing closed at 7:22pm.**
- 2. Ordinance #1811-23 Special Assessment Ordinance GO BOND 2023 – City Attorney Kovar stated that 2023 notices of final cost were sent out.**

**Motion by Brian Adams to approve Ordinance #1811-23. The motion was seconded by Matt Brewer. Motion carried 3-0-0.**

- B. RESOLUTION 23-751 – A resolution of the City of Kechi, Kansas, authorizing and providing for the public sale of the city’s general obligation bonds, series A, 2023, in a total principal amount of approximately \$1,260,000; setting forth the details of said public sale; and providing for the giving of notice thereof.**
- C. City Attorney Kovar stated there will be a “Pay In” period if landowners want to “pay out” instead of paying for special assessments.**

**Motion by Todd Hedstrom to approve Resolution 23-751. The motion was seconded by Matt Brewer. Motion carried 3-0-0.**

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS – None**

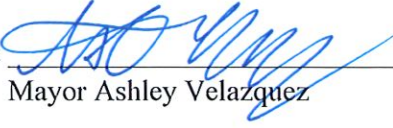
### **V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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 7:46pm. The motion seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 3-0-0.**

The meeting resumed at 7:48 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 Todd Hedstrom and carried 3-0-0. The time of adjournment was 7:49pm.

Signed:   
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Mayor Ashley Velazquez

Attest:   
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Debra Creekmore, City Clerk



