

**KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Ashley Velazquez called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

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

City staff present: Kamme Sroufe, City Administrator; Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Theresa Morlan, City Clerk; Jessie Woodrow, Chief of Police; and Thomas Bevan, Director of Public Works.

Guests present: Taylor Messick.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Velazquez.

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda

1. **Council Meeting Minutes April 28, 2022**
2. **March 2022 Appropriations Report**
3. **April 2022 Appropriations Report**
4. **Approve City Prosecutor Contract**
5. **Approve the Mayor’s annual appointments of the following city officials**

In accordance with K.S.A. 15-204, I recommend the appointment of the following City Officers for council consent:

City Administrator:	Kamme Sroufe
City Clerk:	Theresa Morlan
Deputy City Clerk:	Krista Brown
Chief of Police	Jessie Woodrow
Police Lieutenant	Joseph Trumbull

City Prosecutor:	Joy Williams
Municipal Judge	Terry Beall
Director of Public Works	Thomas Bevan
Assistant Director of Public Works:	Earl Findley
Zoning Administrator:	Chris Morlan
City Attorney	Andrew Kovar

6. **Approve the Mayor’s appointments to Planning Commission**
Richard Wolfe Deb Moore
Oscar Thomison

Motion by Brian Adams to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Rachel Trumbull and carried 4-0-0.

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Brian Adams to approve agenda with the addition of Kechi Rd & Oliver Intersection Project to Old Business. The motion was seconded by Rachel Trumbull and carried 4-0-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Civic Groups/Committees - None

B. Kechi Good News – Chief Woodrow happily reported that the 2016 Dodge Charger had sold at auction for \$11,500, which was quite a bit higher than the projected \$6000. Mayor Velazquez reported that she and Rachel Trumbull had been working with the Fair Committee with getting donations for fireworks and raffle items. Theresa Morlan proudly shared that her daughter, Cassity Morlan, had graduated Summa Cum Laude on May 6th with a Master’s Degree in Communication from University of Central Missouri. She added that Cassity had been an active member of the Fair Committee while in high school and college and helped with social media, photography, logo design and other communications. Matt Brewer stated that his daughter lost her home and car in the Andover tornado, but all were safe.

C. Public Forum - None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Rock Pointe Phase III Special Assessment – Resolution 22-740 - A Resolution setting the date, time and place for a public hearing to receive and hear complaints and objections to the proposed Special Assessments for the construction of certain improvements in the City, as heretofore authorized by Resolution No. 20-710; directing publication of a notice of public hearing and statement of costs proposed to be assessed to each and all of the property owners liable for such special assessment.

City Attorney, Andrew Kovar, reported that the public hearing with final costs is the first step in the assessment process. The public hearing is set for June 9th, 2022.

Motion by Matt Brewer to approve Resolution 22-740. The motion was seconded by Brian Adams and carried 4-0-0.

B. Resolution 22-741 - A Resolution of the City of Kechi, Kansas Governing Body establishing sewer rates for the City’s Sewer Utility.

City Administrator (CA) Kamme Sroufe introduced the resolution that would match the process that has been standard for sewer averaging. The practice for many years had been to average the water usage from December, January and February. During the audit process, it was discovered that the resolution was to average the bills for December, January and February, which would include November usage. We often have residents who reseed their yards in the fall, and this usage would be reflected in the sewer average, which is not the intent of the process.

Motion by Todd Hedstrom to approve Resolution 22-741. The Motion was seconded by Brian Adams and carried 4-0-0.

C. Ordinance 1798-22 – An Ordinance establishing a common consumption area within the city limits of the City of Kechi, Kansas for the 2022 Annual Kechi Fair.

The street dance and fireworks have been moved to F & H Insulation parking lot for the fair. This would allow them to file for a permit for the consumption of alcohol for a public event. It

will allow one entry point and collecting entry fee, which would not have been the case at the park. It designates the time and restricts glass bottles/containers. The fair committee would still need to obtain a temporary permit through Kansas Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Motion by Brian Adams to adopt Ordinance No. 1798-22. The motion was seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 4-0-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Kechi Rd & Oliver Intersection Project – CA Sroufe stated that we need to move forward to make the timeline for WAMPO funds and KDOT. For design purposes, PEC feels we are slightly behind the timeline. PEC will bring contract amendment for construction design of the revised concept presented. With direction from the council, Andrew can make a calendar for sales tax approval process. CA Sroufe would work on communication needed. Councilmember Adams requested looking into the cost for putting the turtle logo back in the design. CA Sroufe noted that the logo will not be a part of the grant.

Motion by Brian Adams to go forward with the revised project plans with finer details to be worked out later. Motion was withdrawn before being seconded.

Motion by Todd Hedstrom to move forward with the design phase of the revised plan. Motion was withdrawn before being seconded.

Motion by Rachel Trumbull that council desires to investigate further into the Intersection Project. The motion seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 4-0-0.

V. DISCUSSION

A. Community Survey – In response to Councilmember Adams' question regarding when the survey was initiated, CA Sroufe reported that survey had been approved by the council in December 2019 under the previous administrator at the cost of \$15,000. Adams expressed that the survey does not give costs related to setting the priorities, that it seems more academic and corporate in trying to illicit a specific response. It doesn't help prioritize spending. In relation to the questions on the survey, he stated that we are actively recruiting businesses, and special assessments are to be used to pay for new development. In his opinion, the survey is not going to get direct responses that will help the council. He would like to have a choice on the profile questions for those who choose not to answer. He has concerns with how the survey turned out and that it will not make decisions easier.

Mayor Velazquez stated the survey is broad but give information and shows levels of engagement in the community.

CA Sroufe said that the survey will be analyzed and will have written reports. The methodology is similar to other communities' surveys, but there was personalization. It is designed to determine attachment levels for self and neighbors, and it has been researched and proven to gauge willingness to pay for what is wanted. It is designed to illicit a response, but not a specific

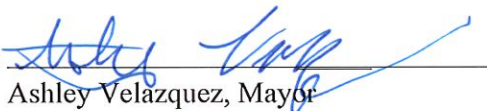
response. It is used to help understand citizen behavior. Demographics are important to show which priorities are important for each, and their willingness to have tax dollars pay for services and the level of services they desire.

Councilmember Brewer added that the survey is to give insight into opinions and behaviors and not directives. The survey started generic and was customized based on focus groups and council feedback. Councilmember Hedstrom said that if residents indicate they don't care about roads for example, that feedback gives direction. Councilmember Adams stated that he believes that residents are coerced to answer a certain way to be virtuous. CA Sroufe did say the Dr. Glazer (WSU) is seeing a pattern of disengagement and unwillingness to pay.

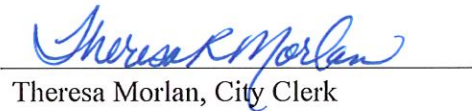
VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Brian Adams to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Rachel Trumbull and carried 4-0-0. The time of recess was 8:15pm.

Signed:


Ashley Velázquez, Mayor

Attest:


Theresa Morlan, City Clerk