

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 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: J.T. Klaus, City Attorney; Kamme Sroufe, City Administrator (CA); Theresa Morlan, Finance/HR Director; Debra Creekmore, City Clerk; Braden Moore, Chief of Police; Thomas Bevan, Public Works Director and Dustin Belton, City Planner.

Guests present: Noah Taylor, Emily Hephner, Kendra Baldrige, Joanie Harris, Blaine Harris, Chris Morlan, Dr. Umari, WSU Representative, Dr. Walker, WSU Representative, Curtis Zerr, EMC Insurance Agent, Lily and Claire Belton and Taylor Messick.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Velazquez.

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda

1. May 11, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes
2. Personal Policy Revisions
 - a. Vacation
 - b. Pay Grade Revision

Motion by Rachel Trumbull to approve the consent agenda and seconded by Richard Haddock. Motion carried 5-0-0.

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Brian Adams to approve the agenda with the following changes, to move item III.A., (Cyber Insurance Policy), after item I. C., (Approve Agenda) and adding an Executive Session for the purpose of Attorney Client Privilege for 20 minutes. Motion seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 5-0-0.

III. New Business

A. Cyber Insurance Policy

EMC Insurance Agent, Curtis Zerr, presented bids on Cyber Insurance from EMC, CFC and Cowbell. Recommendation to the council was the CFC policy for \$4,505.

Motion by Brian Adams to approve policy by Brian Adams and seconded by Todd Hedstrom. Motion carried 5-0-0.

II. Communications

A. 2023 Mini MPA Certificate Presentation

WSU Representative, Dr. Umari presented certificates to Theresa Morlan and Dustin Belton for completion of the Mini MPA Program. This is a professional development program for those in local government.

B. Fentanyl Presentation

Sheriff Easter will be presenting information on the dangers of Fentanyl. The presentation will be at the Park City Administration Building on June 6, 2023, at 6:30pm. Kechi residents are invited to attend.

C. KCC Audit

Thomas Bevan, Director of Public Works, stated that the KCC Audit was completed, and the city is compliant.

D. Kechi Civic Groups/Committees

Emily Hephner, Fair Committee President stated that the fair schedule has been released on Facebook and will be in the paper. She is actively seeking volunteers and asked everyone to make a goal of reaching out to five people. Fair buttons are now for sale at City Hall. The price per button is \$3.00.

E. Kechi Good News

This was Public Works Recognition Week. The Council and Mayor asked Thomas Bevan, Public Works Director, to thank his staff for their hard work. The Arts Council reported some awesome photos were taken at the Barn Quilt Workshop. Coffee and Conversation with Chief Moore began on May 26, 2023, in the Community Room at City Hall.

F. Public Forum

Joanie Harris, 109 W. Chippewa, addressed the council regarding gas utility rates. She wanted to publicly thank Kamme Sroufe, CA and Theresa Morlan, Finance/HR for their hard work in publishing the rates on the city website. She appreciates the transparency.

III. NEW BUSINESS

B. ORDINANCE #1812-23 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XV, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 15-227 AND CREATING SECTION 15-229 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF KECHI, KANSAS.

Theresa Morlan, Finance/HR, presented that backflow testing must be completed prior to May 31 each year. Testing will be conducted yearly, and backflow prevention devices must be rebuilt every five years.

Motion by Todd Hedstrom to adopt Ordinance #181-23. The motion was seconded by Rachel Trumbull. Motion carried 5-0-0.

C. Wichita Water Contract

Kamme Sroufe, CA, presented this contract to the council stating that it allows the City of Kechi to continue purchasing water from the City of Wichita. It includes the city's projected use as well as the boundaries of the contract.

Motion to approve the Wichita Water Contract by Matt Brewer. The motion was seconded by Rachel Trumbull. Motion 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 7:51pm. The motion seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 5-0-0.

The meeting resumed at 7:58 pm, and no binding action was taken in the Executive Session.

VI. Recess

Motion made by Brian Adams to recess until June 3, 2023, at 9:00am for a Budget Discussion Workshop. The motion was seconded by Rachel Trumbull and carried 5-0-0. The time of recess was 7:59pm.

Meeting to discuss budget resumed on June 3, 2023, at 9:10am. Called to order by Mayor Valezquez.

Council present: Ashley Valezquez, Matt Brewer, Brian Adams, Richard Haddock and Todd Hedstrom.

City staff present: Kamme Sroufe, Thomas Bevan, Chief Moore and Theresa Morlan.

Guests present: Kendra Baldrige and Joanie Harris.

Motion by Richard Haddock to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Todd Hedstrom. Motion carried 4-0-0. Meeting closed at 12:40pm.



Signed: 
Mayor Ashley Valezquez

Attest: 
Debra Creekmore, City Clerk

