

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Ashley Velazquez called the meeting to order at 7:0pm

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

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: Becky and Phillip Elder, and Taylor Messick.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Velazquez.

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda

1. Council Meeting Minutes May 26, 2022

Motion by Brian Adams to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Rachel Trumbull and carried 5-0-0.

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Brian Adams to approve agenda with the 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel. The motion was seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 5-0-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Civic Groups/Committees – None

B. Kechi Good News – City Clerk Theresa Morlan reported that we used the mass notification feature of the software. Automated phone calls were sent to all residents with gas and water utilities to let them know of boil advisory. Not all customers were reached, but we do have a report that shows who had notification failure. We will be sending out a request to update contact information in the next bill.

Mayor Velazquez reported on the upcoming garage sales on Saturday, June 11, the Kechi Playhouse will start their 40th year on Friday. The Kechi Fair will be on June 25th, and a local resident will be going to Marine's boot camp.

Becky Elder stated that Corry Irish Dance Academy is a gem in Kechi. They compete in national and international competitions and are a joy to watch.

C. Public Forum – Philip Elder, 3501 E 101st St N, said that he appreciates the atmosphere of Kechi. The residents of the Sunnydale neighborhood would like to have a parade on July 4, 2023. They would like to block off 101st St N from Hydraulic to Oliver, working with both Kechi and Sedgwick County to achieve this. They have changed from an agricultural community to a residential community and would like to promote the area. Kechi does a great job of making a sense of community. Becky Elder really appreciates the form and probing

questionnaire, adding that it was great, and it is exciting and prompted discussion and communication. She is glad the city took the risk to find answers.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. PUBLIC HEARING – ROCK POINTE 3 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT** - City Attorney, Andrew Kovar addressed the public hearing as well as the Special Assessment Ordinance. The notices went out to the owner of the property, and the public hearing is a chance for anyone to speak to the matter. The ordinance will allow the special assessments to be levied to the properties.

Mayor Velazquez opened the public hearing at 7:14pm. There were no speakers. The public hearing closed at 7:14pm

- B. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE 1799-22 – 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 the giving of notice of said Special Assessment Taxes by publication and mailing; and providing for the collection of said Special Assessment Taxes (Rock Pointe Phase 3 Improvements).**

Motion by Richard Haddock to approve Ordinance 1799-22. The motion was seconded by Rachel Trumbull and carried 5-0-0.

- C. PUBLIC SALE RESOLUTION 22-742 - PUBLIC SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS- SERIES 2022 – A Resolution of the City of Kechi, Kansas, authorizing and providing for the public sale of the City’s General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022, in a total principal amount of approximately \$865,000; setting forth the details of said public sale; and providing for the giving of notice thereof.**

Motion by Todd Hedstrom to approve Resolution 22-742. The motion was seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 5-0-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS - None

V. DISCUSSION

- A. Phone System** –CA Sroufe reported that staff has been working on getting quotes on a new phone system and hopes to have them to present at the next council meeting.
- B. Park Design** – CA Sroufe said that she has had two quotes for the park design and was working on a third but is unable to do so. She will share the two quotes with the Park Board President before presenting them to council.
- C. Other Updates** - CA Sroufe reported that there has been an increase in the assessed value of property in the amount of \$2.1 million. Sanitary Sewer cleaning will occur the week of the July

5th. Meters were again read manually this month. We are scheduled to meet with Zenner again the week of June 27th.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION


Motion by Brian Adams to enter into executive session for 10-minutes for the purpose of Non-elected personnel with the meeting to resume at 7:32pm. The motion was seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 54-0-0.

The meeting resumed at 7:37pm, and no binding action was taken.

VII. RECESS

Motion made by Brian Adams to recess until 6:00pm for a Budget Workshop. The motion was seconded by Rachel Trumbull and carried -0-0. The time of adjournment was 7:40pm.

Signed: 
Ashley Velazquez, Mayor

Attest: 
Theresa Morlan, City Clerk

