

# KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2020

## I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor John Speer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Council present:** Matt Brewer, Betty Washington, Richard Haddock, Margaret McCormick, and Brian Adams

**City staff present:** Robert Conger, City Administrator; Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Jessie Woodrow, Chief of Police; Kamme Sroufe, Treasurer/Finance Director; Thomas Bevan, Director of Public Works; Joseph Trumbull, Police Lieutenant; and Theresa Morlan, City Clerk.

**Guests present:** Craig Stuart

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

### B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion by Brian Adams to approve the Consent Agenda, and it was seconded by Richard Haddock. Motion carried 5-0-0**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes May 28, 2020
2. 2019 Auditing Agreement – GBN, P.A.

### C. APPROVE AGENDA

**Motion by Matt Brewer to approve agenda with changing reason for Executive Session to non-elected personnel and adding item IIc, Covid Update. The motion was seconded by Richard Haddock and carried 5-0-0.**

Mayor Speer recognized Thomas Bevan for 10 years of service to the City of Kechi. Thomas was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation, and his name was added to a plaque to be hung in the foyer that is honoring employees with 10 years or more of service. Council added that they appreciate the detailed reports that he has provided regarding his department's activities.

## II. COMMUNICATIONS –

**A. Public Forum – None**

**B. Kechi Civic Groups - Non**

**C. Covid Update** – City Administrator, Robert Conger, stated that we had anticipated coming out of phase 2 in opening facilities, but Sedgwick County was recommending a modified phase 2 limiting gatherings to 20. Mr. Conger recommended that the City follow these guidelines through July 2, 2020.

## III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion: Betty Washington made the motion to move into Executive Session for discussion of non-elected personnel with the meeting to resume at 7:22pm. Motion was seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 5-0-0.**

Meeting resumed at 7:22pm and no binding action was taken.

## IV. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Kechi Rd & Oliver Intersection Project: Burial of Utilities**

City Finance Director, Kamme Sroufe had presented the council members with an

interactive spreadsheet of costs with options of buried or above ground utilities for them to see the financial impact of different scenarios. The means exist to fund the project, and City Administrator was asking for a decision to move forward or not with the burial of the utilities.

**Motion by Margaret McCormick to have an additional session for council to have questions answered regarding the utilities for the Kechi Road and Oliver Street Project, but no public input. Motion seconded by Richard Haddock and carried on 5-0-0.**

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. CESF Corona Virus Grant**

City Administrator, Robert Conger, commended Kamme Sroufe for applying for the grant for expenses related to current Covid outbreak and preparing for next wave. Ms. Sroufe reported that the Corona Emergency Supplemental Fund (CESF) does not require a matching program. She had staff input for equipment that would be needed for remote operations related to critical services.

**Motion by Betty Washington to accept the CESF Grant for \$60,848. Seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 5-0-0.**

##### **B. City Administrator Ordinance Amendment – Ordinance No. 1757-20**

An ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 1-302 of the Code of the City of Kechi, Kansas regarding powers, duties, and responsibilities of the City Administrator.

**Motions by Betty Washington to adopt Ordinance No. 1757-20 and seconded by Richard Haddock. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

#### **IV. Recess**

**Motion by Matt Brewer to recess until Saturday 8am. It was seconded by Richard Haddock. Motion carried 5-0-0. Meeting recessed at 8:06pm.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Speer, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Theresa Morlan, City Clerk