

**KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 13, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Brian Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Council present:** Todd Hedstrom; Richard Haddock and Brian Adams.

**City staff present:** Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Kamme Sroufe, City Administrator (CA); Theresa Morlan, Finance/HR Director; Debra Creekmore, City Clerk; Police Chief, Braden Moore and Thomas Bevan, Public Works Director.

**Guests present:** Cody & Kendra Baldrige; Joanie Harris; Bea Burkhalter, JF & Denise Gelvin, Tom & Roberta Jolly, Bob Jackson, Emily Hephner, Noah Taylor, Beth Smith, Jean Jandrokovic and Gary Galvin, Jr.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE** – Led by Councilmember Brian Adams.

**B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda

1. June 2023 Appropriations Report
2. City Council Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2023
3. KMGGA Director Appointment

**Motion by Richard Haddock to approve the consent agenda and seconded by Todd Hedstrom. Motion carried 3-0-0.**

**C. APPROVE**

**AGENDA**

**Motion by Richard Haddock to approve the agenda with the omission of Executive Session. Motion seconded by Todd Hedstrom and carried 3-0-0.**

**II. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Appointment & Oath of New Councilmember**

Oath of Office was administered by Debra Creekmore, City Clerk to Kendra Baldrige, taking the vacant seat from Rachel Trumbull.

**A motion was made by Todd Hedstrom to approve the appointment nomination of Kendra Baldrige to fill the vacancy left by Rachel Trumbull. Seconded by Richard Haddock and carried 3-0-0.**

Kendra Baldrige joined the members at the council table.

**B. Kechi Civic Groups/Committees**

Emily Hephner, Fair Committee Chairperson thanked fair volunteers and participants. She stated that this was a huge learning experience and a great opportunity to connect with the community. She announced there will be a dance and fireworks on October 7, 2023.

**C. Kechi Good News**

Theresa Morlan's daughter became engaged on fair day. The pond is full, and the fountain is on!

**D. Public Forum – None**

### III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. BOND ORDINANCE #1815-23 – General Obligation Bonds Series A, 2023 – Young Industrial 3<sup>rd</sup> ORDINANCE NO. 1815-23** – An Ordinance of the City of Kechi, Kansas, authorizing the issuance of the City’s General Obligation Bonds, Series A, 2023, in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,245,000, for the purpose of financing the otherwise unpaid costs of multiple Capital Improvements in the City; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds; authorizing certain other documents and actions; and making certain covenants with respect thereto.

This ordinance authorizes the sale of bonds. Three bids were submitted with TD Securities being the lowest bid at 3.94%. Sale of the bonds closes on August 1, 2023.

**Motion made by Brian Adams to accept the application to bid from TD Securities at an interest rate of 3.94% for Young Industrial III. Seconded by Richard Haddock. Carried 4-0-0.**

**Motion made to approve Ordinance #1815-23 by Richard Haddock. Seconded by Todd Hedstrom. Carried 4-0-0.**

- B. BOND RESOLUTION #23-752 – General Obligation Bonds Series A, 2023 – Young Industrial 3<sup>rd</sup>**

RESOLUTION NO. 23-752 – A Resolution prescribing the form and details of and authorizing and directing the sale and delivery of General Obligation Bonds, Series A, 2023, in the total aggregate principal amount of \$1,245,000, of the City of Kechi, Kansas, previously authorized by Ordinance No. 1815-23 of the City; Making certain covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof; and authorizing certain other documents and actions connected therewith.

Resolution #23-752 describes the details of the bond process.

**Motion made by Todd Hedstrom to approve Resolution #23-752. Seconded by Richard Haddock. Carried 4-0-0.**

- C. RESOLUTION #23-753 2024 BUDGET – Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate**

Resolution No. 23-753 – A Resolution of the City of Kechi, Kansas regarding the Governing Body’s intent to levy a property tax exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate.

This will not be final but is the “intent” to raise the mill levy meaning this number will be the “cap” which cannot be exceeded but can be lower.

CA Sroufe explained a Power Point Presentation to help explain the mill levy and city projects it supports. General Fund Revenue and Expenditures were also discussed as well as mill levy comparison to other 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Cities. A question was raised when the mill levy was last changed. It was raised to the current 36.76 in 2016.

Brian Adams read a letter from Realtors of South-Central Kansas. They suggested not raising the mill levy.

A motion was made by Richard Haddock to raise the maximum mill levy in 2024 to 48.63mills.  
Seconded by Kendra Baldrige.

A Roll Call Vote of the City of Kechi City Council was held as follows:

Mayor Ashley Velazquez	Absent
Brian Adams	Yes
Matt Brewer	Absent
Richard Haddock	Yes
Todd Hedstrom	Yes
Kendra Baldrige	Yes

Motion carried 4-0-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS – None

V. RECESS – Workshop

A motion was made by Brian Adams to move the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting (due to no quorum) to August 3, 2023, at 5:30 pm. Seconded by Richard Haddock. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Richard Haddock to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Todd Hedstrom. Carried 4-0-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Ashley Velazquez

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Debra Creekmore  
Debra Creekmore, City Clerk



**KECHI WATER & SEWER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**July 13, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

City Administrator, Kamme Sroufe called the workshop to order at 5:31 PM. She asked Brian Adams to lead the workshop. The meeting was reconvened from the previous recess.

**Council present:** Todd Hedstrom, Brian Adams and Richard Haddock.

**City staff present:** Kamme Sroufe, City Administrator (CA); Theresa Morlan, Finance/HR Director; Debra Creekmore, City Clerk; Police Chief Braden Moore, Thomas Bevan, Public Works Director

**Guests present:** Kendra & Cody Baldrige, Joanie Harris, Bea Burkhalter, JR & Denise Gelvin, Tom & Roberta Jolly, Bob Jackson, Trevor Thompson (PEC) and Reagan Morris? (PEC)

Trevor Thompson (PEC) presented the Kechi Water & Sewer System Master Plan. The results of this plan are based on the assumption that the City of Wichita can provide the supply of water needed to the City of Kechi.

City Administrator Sroufe stated that Kechi is at a crossroads for future development. The current sewer infrastructure cannot support much more growth. She suggested either the need to start investing our money or close the doors to future growth. Developers will move on to another city in order to obtain the revenue they are seeking. She noted that the council is faced with a lot of difficult decisions at this time.

**Motion by Brian Adams to adjourn the workshop and seconded by Richard Haddock.**  
**Carried 3-0-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Ashley Velazquez

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Debra Creekmore, City Clerk

