

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Ashley Velazquez called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

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

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

Guests present: Michelle Gowin, Terry Brown, Bickley Foster, and Taylor Messick

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Velazquez.

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda

1. Council Meeting Minutes June 23, 2022
2. Appropriation Report May 2022
3. Appropriation Report June 2022

Motion by Brian Adams to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 3-0-0.

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Matt Brewer to approve agenda with the moving Public Forum before Kechi Good News. The motion was seconded by Todd Hedstrom and carried 3-0-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Civic Groups/Committees - None

B. Public Forum - None

C. Kechi Good News – Mayor Velazquez thanked the Public Works, Police Department and Fair Committee for the success of the fair. She heard a lot of positive comments and stated that there still t-shirts available. State Representative Emil Bergquist helped pass out ice cream. She reminded that the Farmers Market is on Thursdays from 4-6:30pm and Kechi Playhouse has a new play that started the past weekend.

She thanked Chris Morlan for his service to Kechi for the past 19 years and presented him with a retirement gift. ZA Morlan spoke in appreciation to the experiences he has had with the city, first on the Economic Development Committee and then as Zoning Administrator for almost 17 years. His work with the city has given him both hope and fulfillment.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2022 Road Maintenance Contracts. CA Sroufe presented the bids for construction on Chippewa St, Chippewa Ct and Shawnee Dr and Circle from Chippewa north.

Motion by Brian Adams to approve the Road Maintenance Agreement with Pearson Construction for \$222,487. Motion was seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 3-0-0.

- B. Kechi Police Department Car Policy-** CA Sroufe stated that the policy would allow police vehicles to be taken home and outlined the conditions as well as a stipend when circumstances and availability did not allow for the vehicle to be taken home. Discussion was regarding budgeted amount, adding vehicles as staffing increases, keeping a third car longer, and possibly having an administrative police vehicle that is not outfitted completely.

Motion by Matt Brewer to approve the Police Department Vehicle Policy. The motion was seconded by Todd Hedstrom and carried 2-1-0.

- C. Resolution #22-744 – 2023 Budget – A Resolution of the City of Kechi, Kansas regarding the Governig Body’s intent to levy a property tax exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate.** – CA Sroufe presented an overview of the purpose for the resolution which would establish a Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) maximum of 36.767 mils. This is not a vote on the budget, and the amount can fluctuate down. She stated that because we do not have an amount for the cost of the sewer project, she did not include that in the budget to be presented. She presented an overview of the proposed budget.

Motion by Matt Brewer to approve Resolution 22-744 establishing a maximum mill levy of 36.767 and a public hearing to be held on September 8, 2022 at 7pm. The motion was seconded by Brian Adams, and carried 3-0-0. The roll call vote was Brian Adams – aye, Matt Brewer – aye, and Todd Hedstrom – aye.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. AT&T Contract Revisions** – CA Sroufe addressed the contract submitted by AT&T as a renegotiation of the current contract. The agent on behalf of the company would not renegotiate the terms of the contract, which are not favorable to the city. It is not currently up for renewal, but they have the option to request to do so. The council opted to take no action.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Brian Adams to enter into Executive Session for matters relating to Non-Elected Personnel for 20 minutes with meeting to resume at 8:18pm. The motion was seconded by Todd Hedstrom and carried 3-0-0.

The meeting resumed at 8:19pm

Motion by Todd Hedstrom to extend the Executive Session for 15 minutes with the meeting to resume at 8:35pm. Seconded by Brian Adams, the motion carried 3-0-0.


The meeting resumed at 8:36pm and there was no binding action taken.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Matt Brewer to adjourn meeting. The motion was seconded by Brian Adams and carried 3-0-0.

Adjourned at 8:37pm.

Signed: 
Ashley Velazquez, Mayor

Attest: 
Theresa Morlan, City Clerk

