

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Council present: Mayor John Speer, Brian Adams, Matt Brewer, Richard Haddock, and Margaret McCormick.

City staff present: Kamme Sroufe, City Administrator; J.T. Klaus, City Attorney; Krista Brown, Deputy City Clerk; Thomas Bevan, Director of Public Works; Jessie Woodrow, Chief of Police, and Joseph Trumbull, Police Lieutenant.

Guests present: Darlene Galloway, Naomi Fultz, Steve Gibbons, John Cillessen, Robert Cillessen, Conner Hampton, and Taylor Messick

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Speer.

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Brian Adams to approve only #3 of the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Margaret McCormick. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Consent Agenda

3. 2021 Annual Employee Salary Compensation

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Brian Adams to approve agenda with 10 minutes for the Executive Session and to change agenda item VII to be Recess until 6:00pm, August 12th. The motion was seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 4-0-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Forum – Naomi Fultz, 428 W. Kechi Rd, addressed the council regarding the fair building. She stated the fair has been going on for 35 years. The fair building is the only place to meet and store fair items.

B. Kechi Civic Groups – None

III. OLD BUSINESS - None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. KANSAS OFFICE OF RECOVERY – City Administrator (CA), Kamme Sroufe reported Kansas will receive approximately \$1.568 billion from the American Rescue Plan. Kechi is slated to receive \$303,171.74. She also went over allowable uses of the money. She asked that the Council authorize her to apply for the funding.

Motion by Matt Brewer to authorize the City Administrator to sign the Kansas Office of Recovery NEU Award Request application. Motion was seconded by Brian Adams and carried 4-0-0.

B. BOND ORDINANCE 1789-21-AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS FOR CILLESSEN PROPERTIES, LLC – Cillessen Properties, LLC is requesting \$1.8 million in Industrial Revenue Bonds to expand the current building footprint. The IRBs will be used to build a third building totaling 12,000 square feet to house equipment. The building will be inside the existing compound. This request is being made because the company has too much equipment to fit into

their current buildings and they are looking to expand staffing. Currently, Cillessen employees 65-70 employees and they desire to increase that to 80-85 employees. City Attorney Andrew Klaus discussed the intent and protocol of the bond. Robert Cillessen, spoke on cost benefit and the expected growth of company employees. Council members thank Cillessen's for being good citizens of the city.

Motion by Richard Haddock to approve Bond Ordinance 1789-21. Motion seconded by Margaret McCormick and carried 4-0-0.

V. INTERACTIVE DIALOG

- A. OLD CITY HALL** – CA Sroufe reported that she was approached by an interested party to buy or lease the Old City Hall building. Discussion was made that the City would have to look into the tax exempt status with it being a municipal building. Council also stated being a landlord may not be in the best interest. Would also have to look into a cost benefit analysis, rezoning or doing a lot split on the property. Talk of making a condition to leaving the outside of the building unchanged since it is a historical building being the first City Hall. Carla Adams, 291 N Prairie Creek stated the fair committee would need a safe, secure, and easy access for fair items. Naomi Fultz, 425n W. Kechi Rd, doesn't like the idea of not have a place where things are not all together and hands on. CA Sroufe stated the interested party has a deadline of December 2021. Carla Adams said the Fair Committee will set up a meeting to discuss the possibilities. Conner Hampton, 1200 Sunnydale Lakes Cir, offered to give an estimated realtors appraisal.
- B. WAMPO FUNDING** – CA Sroufe reported she filed for an extension from 2021 to 2024. She reported there was extra funding that showed up and she was to have a meeting with WAMPO and PEC and would inquire about the extra funding.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Brian Adams to go into Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the meeting to resume at 7:58pm. Seconded by Margaret McCormick and carried 4-0-0.

Meeting resumed at 7:58pm. There was no binding action taken during Executive Session.

VII. RECESS

Motion made by Richard Haddock to recess until the budget workshop on August 12, 2021 at 6:pm at City Hall with a second by Brian Adams. Carries 4-0-0.

Signed: _____

John Speer, Mayor

Attest: _____

Theresa Morlan, City Clerk