

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 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, Todd Hedstrom, and Richard Haddock.

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

Guests present: Clayton Kelly, Buck Alley, Rick Alley, Jim Benage, and Taylor Messick

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Velazquez.

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda

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Motion by Brian Adams to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Todd Hedstrom and carried 4-0-0.

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Brian Adams to approve agenda with Executive Session for 20-minutes for Non-elected Personnel. The motion was seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 4-0-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Civic Groups/Committees - None

B. - Kechi Good News – Mayor Velazquez stated that the Kechi Playhouse would return with live plays in August.

C. Public Forum– Jim Benage, Mayor of Bel Aire addressed the council regarding a bi-partisan infrastructure and inter-governmental agreement. He spoke on the importance of working in partnership on street, government programs for safe streets and roads. There are 247 funding types in total. The application is due September 15. They are looking at putting a proposal to work with Kechi on 53rd St from Rock Road to Oliver, but only the portion from Woodlawn to Oliver would involve Kechi. He is asking Kechi to work with Bel Aire and assign a contact person to help with the project and plans to submit for the bill.

He presented a draft agreement with shared responsibilities on several roads shared between Kechi and the City of Bel Aire.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. BOND ORDINANCE #1780-22- Authorizing the issuance of the City's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022, in the aggregate principal amount of \$865,000, for the purpose of financing the otherwise unpaid costs of multiple Capital Improvement 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.

Clayton Kelley from Piper Sandler reported on the sale of the bond to for Rock Pointe 3 infrastructure. The bond was secured with a fixed rate of 3.5% and closing will be on August 17, 2022.

Motion by Matt Brewer to approve Ordinance No. 1780-22. The motion was seconded by Richard Haddock and passed 4-0-0.

- B. BOND RESOLUTION #22-745-** Prescribing the form and details of and authorizing and directing the sale and delivery of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022, in the total aggregate principal amount of \$865,000, of the City of Kechi, Kansas.

Motion by Brian Adams to approve Bond Resolution 22-745. The motion was seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 4-0-0.

- C. ORDINACE #1781-22-** Change in Zoning District classification from A-1 to C-3 General Business District (Case Z-2022-01) – Matt Williams, PEC read the Zoning Administrator’s report. There were no disqualifications and a quorum of 4 was established. There were no protests or ex parte communications. The City requested the zoning change to bring the property into compliance with zoning regulations.

Motion by Todd Hedstrom to approve Planning Commission’s recommendation to change the zoning from A-1 to C-3 and adopt Ordinance 1781-22. The motion was seconded by Richard Haddock and carried 4-0-0.

- D. VACATION ORDER – VAC-2022-01 –** Vacate the southern one foot of the twenty-foot drainage and utility easement on Lot 9 Block B Kechi Business Park Addition. – Matt Williams presented the item. There were no disqualifications, and a quorum of 4 was established. There were no protests nor ex parte communications. Mr. Williams read the staff report as written and recommended approval. Rick Alley, applicant, gave a brief description of the situation with the builder having encroached on the easement by less than four inches. There were no public questions or comments. Mayor Velazquez covered the four items that the evidence must demonstrate.

Motion: Having considered the evidence at the hearing and determined that the statutory requirements as set out in the Subdivision Regulations, which are necessary for granting a vacation have been met, I, Matt Brewer move that Case No. VAC-2022-01 be granted and the order be adopted. The motion was seconded by Todd Hedstrom and carried 4-0-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS - None

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 7:55pm. The motion was seconded by Richard Haddock and carried 4-0-0.

The meeting resumed at 7:55pm

Motion by Brian Adams to extend the Executive Session for 20 minutes with the meeting to

resume at 8:15pm. Seconded by Richard Haddock, the motion carried 4-0-0.

The meeting resumed at 8:15pm.

Motion by Brian Adams to extend the Executive Session for 20 minutes with the meeting to resume at 8:35pm. Seconded by Matt Brewer, the motion carried 4-0-0.

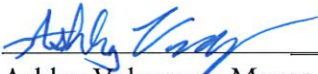
The meeting resumed at 8:38pm, and no binding action was taken.


Motion by Matt Brewer to approve the employment agreement with City Administrator, Kamme Sroufe, with adjustments: all references to July 10, 2022 be changed to July 24, 2022, salary disclosed in section 3 be increased by \$3000 per year, and delete subsection 3B. The motion was seconded by Richard Haddock and carried 4-0-0.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Brian Adams to adjourn meeting. The motion was seconded by Richard Haddock and carried 4-0-0.

Adjourned at 8:45pm.

Signed: 
Ashley Velazquez, Mayor

Attest: 
Theresa Morlan, City Clerk

