

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Council present: Mayor John Speer, Brian Adams, Betty Washington, Matt Brewer, and Margaret McCormick.

City staff present: Kamme Sroufe, City Administrator; Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Thomas Bevan, Director of Public Works; and Joseph Trumbull, Police Lieutenant.

Guests present: Connor Hampton, Lynanne DeGarmo, Ashley Velasquez, Mary Brewer, and Karen Karg

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Speer.

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Betty Washington to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Margaret McCormick, the motion carried 4-0-0.

Consent Agenda

1. Appropriations Report June 2021
2. Appropriations Report July 2021

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Brian Adams to approve agenda. The motion was seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 4-0-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Forum – None

B. Kechi Civic Groups – None

III. OLD BUSINESS - None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. K-254 Corridor Management Study Plan – City Administrator (CA), Kamme Sroufe recommended authorizing Mayor Speer to sign a letter of intent requesting a Corridor Management Study & Plan from KDOT for K-254. KDOT had presented preliminary findings from K-254 safety study in August, and to implement major repairs, making the highway safer and easier to navigate requires the letter of intent and financial match from participants. The initial estimates for the cost share are \$170,000 with Kechi's portion estimated to be \$6500. Participants would not be required to pay until KDOT accepts the request and begins the study. Benefits to Kechi would be improved safety for citizens and employees in the Kechi area, improvements to the corridor will support economic development and growth, and Kechi staff and leaders having a voice in the decision-making process that directly impacts our community. This study and subsequent improvement plans will define what happens at every intersection along K-254.

Motion by Betty Washington to authorize Mayor Speer to sign a letter of intent to KDOT for a K-254 Corridor Management Study Plan. Motion was seconded by Brian Adams and carried 4-0-0.

B. Hydro-Vac Purchase Request – Public Works requested a hydro-vac machine which will help find and uncover buried utility lines. This is important to ensure that utility lines are found in a safe manner prior

to excavation. This prevents damage to utility lines and loss of utility product. The hydro-vac will also be used to clean out city gas and water valves, to vacuum out storm drains and culvert, and clean manholes in case of emergency when clogged. The funds which were originally to be used for the purchase of a lift truck in 2020, but now remain in the equipment reserve. Three bids were presented.

Motion by Matt Brewer to approve the purchase of a hydro-vac machine from Ring-O-Matic at a cost of \$22,600. Seconded by Betty Washington, the motion carried 4-0-0.

V. RECESS

Motion made by Brian Adams to recess until the budget workshop on September 9, 2021 at 6:00pm at City Hall with a second by Betty Washington. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Signed: _____

John Speer, Mayor

Attest: _____

Theresa Morlan, City Clerk