

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Council present: Brian Adams, Betty Washington, Margaret McCormick, Matt Brewer, and Richard Haddock.

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

Guests present: Bob & Lee Ann Conger, Chad Parasa (WAMPO), Kristen Zimmerman (WAMPO), Taylor Messick, Beth Ann & Ron McKean, Kirk Wagner, and Liz Basford.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and Presentation of Colors led by Boy Scout Troop 404.

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Betty Washington to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Richard Haddock. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Consent Agenda

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C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Brian Adams to approve agenda. The motion was seconded by Matt Brewer and carried 5-0-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Forum

Kirk Wagner, 6332 N Hillside, addressed the Council regarding his desire to be de-annexed. Andrew Kovar will report to the Council regarding the process of de-annexation. Mr. Wagener would like the City to help all residents and not spend millions on the intersection.

Beth Ann McKean, 6434 N Hillside, addressed the Council concerning utility fees, stormwater, annexation and zoning. She owns 3 properties totaling 5 acres. There is a commercial business on one lot, however the City zoning is not consistent with the use, and she would like the City to rezone it from Agricultural to Commercial/Industrial without having to apply based on Sedgwick County taxation. She requests that the vacant residence not be charged recycling. She questioned whether her property was annexed properly, although she did not own it in 2002 when it was annexed. There no comments from Council.

B. Kechi Civic Groups – None

C. Robert Conger Retirement Recognition – Mayor Speer congratulated Mr. Conger on his retirement, thanked him for his service to the City of Kechi, and recognized numerous contributions made during his tenure with the City. Mr. Conger thanked the present and past Council members, as well as present and past staff and citizens of Kechi, in which he is proud to call home.

Meeting was recessed briefly for a reception for Mr. Conger. Meeting resumed at 7:30pm

III. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Kechi Rd & Oliver Intersection Project** – City Administrator, Kamme Sroufe, reported that she and Ben Mabry, PEC, met with WAMPO on extending the grant timeline. She presented the three options to Council: 1) Swap with another project in the current cycle which runs through September 2024. 2) Adjust the reimbursement timing. 3) Reapply in 2022 for the next funding cycle for projects in 2024 through 2026. The process for funding through sales tax would take approximately one year. Chad Parasa and Kristen Zimmerman answered Council’s questions regarding WAMPO funding, and implications of each option. Andrew Kovar addressed process for putting sales tax to a public vote with most of the minimal cost being for public outreach and citizen engagement and education.

**Motion by Richard Haddock to direct staff to work with WAMPO to delay the project until 2024.
Second by Matt Brewer. Motion carries 5-0-0.**

City Administrator will move forward with process to bring 1% sales tax to a public vote. PEC will put the design on hold and will initiate discussion with stakeholders that are involved about the change in the timeline.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. PEC Design Agreement for Young Industrial 3rd Addition** – Design agreement for infrastructure of paving, sanitary sewer, water distribution and gas service.

**Motion by Betty Washington to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign.
Second by Richard Haddock. Motion carries 5-0-0.**

B. UPOC & STO Ordinances

- 1. Uniform Public Offense Code – Ordinance 1764-20** – An ordinance regulating public offenses within the City of Kechi, Kansas; incorporating by reference the “Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities,” 2020 Editions, with certain modifications; and amending Chapter XI, Article 1, Sections 11-101 and 11-102 of the Code of the City of Kechi, Kansas.

Motion by Richard Haddock to adopt Ordinance 1764-20 and authorize the mayor to sign. Second by Margaret McCormick. Motion carries 5-0-0.

- 2. Standard Traffic Ordinance** – An ordinance incorporating by reference the “Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities,” 2020 Edition; and amending Chapter XIV, Article 1, Sections 14-101 and 14-106 of the Code of the City of Kechi, Kansas.

**Motion by Brian Adams to adopt Ordinance 1765-20 and authorize the Mayor to sign.
Second by Margaret McCormick. Motion carries 5-0-0.**

- C. Accounting Software** - City Administrator, Kamme Sroufe, presented information regarding three accounting software products that staff and council has been reviewing to increase efficiencies, streamline processes and improve reporting. The new program would help improve transparency, ability to work remotely, and real time data. The initial costs would be covered by the CARES Act grant. Andrew is reviewing the contract and making adjustments as needed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Betty Washington and seconded by Richard Haddock to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0-0.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.**

Signed: _____
John Speer, Mayor

Attest: _____
Theresa Morlan, City Clerk