

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Council present: Todd Hedstrom, Richard Haddock, Brian Adams, Kendra Baldrige, Matt Brewer, and Mayor Ashley Velazquez.

City staff present: Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Debra Creekmore, City Clerk; Police Chief Braden Moore; Theresa Morlan, Finance Director and Thomas Bevan, Public Works Director.

Guests present: Taylor Messick, John Wright, Krista Brown, Blaine & Joanie Harris, Bob Janzen, Emily Hephner, Matt Jensby, Rick Alley, Deborah Harp, and Cheryl Hobson.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE – Led by Mayor Ashley Velazquez.

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda

1. City Council Minutes of September 28, 2023
2. September 2023 Appropriation Report
3. Reappointment of Planning Commission Members: Luke Harber, and Mark Bradbury

Motion by Matt Brewer to approve the consent agenda and seconded by Brian Adams. Motion carried 5-0-0.

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Brian Adams to approve the agenda with the addition of adding III. B. Executive Session for 10 minutes with the subject being non-elected personnel. Motion seconded by Richard Haddock and carried 5-0-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Kechi Civic Groups/Committees

Emily Hephner spoke on behalf of the Fair Committee thanking volunteers for their help. Mayor Velazquez also thanked city staff for volunteering. The next event will be Halloween Open House on October 31, 2023, from 6 – 8:00 pm in the City Hall Community Room. Emily stated that the committee was looking at public feedback. The committee is planning to hold the entire fair at Kechi South Park in the fall next year. They will need more volunteers.

B. Kechi Good News

The mayor and members of the Kechi Police Department attended the GOTCHA event and had a great time. Leeker's will be celebrating their 65th anniversary on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 7-11:00 am with a free breakfast.

C. 69th & Oliver Development Project

Bob Janzen reported that this will be a 55+ community with patio homes and single-family homes with maintenance free living. The area needs water, gas, and sewer. It will be a HOA community throughout and he would like to make it a “green” community. He would like to move forward and is asking the city for consideration of this project.

D. Public Forum

Joanie Harris, 109 W. Chippewa, asked the council for requests and updates on several council items.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance #1823-23

An Ordinance of the City of Kechi, Kansas authorizing the City to make Main Trafficway Improvements; and authorizing the City to issue General Obligation Bonds in an approximate principal amount of \$950,000 to pay costs of the Main Trafficway Improvements.

This ordinance authorizes the Public Works Director to move forward with the project as well as the intent to issue bonds. The approved 1% sales tax will go toward this bond and will be tracked by city accounting software.

Motion made by Brian Adams to approve Ordinance #1823-233 and seconded by Todd Hedstrom. Carried 5-0-0.

Adoption of this Ordinance authorizes the Public Works Director to move forward with this project.

B. Executive Session

Motion by Brian Adams to go into Executive Session for 10 minutes with the subject being non-elected personnel. The meeting will resume at 7:47 pm in the Council Chambers. Motion seconded by Richard Haddock and carried 5-0-0.

The meeting resumed at 7:49 pm. No binding action was taken.

C. Non-Elected Personnel

A motion was made by Brian Adams authorize the mayor to make a conditional offer to a candidate and seconded by Richard Haddock. Carried 5-0-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Thomas Bevan, Public Works Director, has received three water software bids. All require new meters. He suggested to the prior city administrator that bad units and MIU's should be replaced as they go bad. Regarding the sewer line to 69th and Oliver, it can go through, but that will be the one of the last additions on the west side before reaching full capacity. Huffman Road has the potential to turn back to dirt. The quote for this work was approximately \$46,000.

V. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Brian Adams to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Richard Haddock.
Carried 5-0-0.

The meeting closed at 8:01 pm.

Signed: 
Mayor Ashley Velazquez

Attest: 
Debra Creekmore, City Clerk



