

**KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 26, 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, Kris Brown, Deputy City Clerk, and Thomas Bevan, Public Works Director.

**Guests present:** Taylor Messick, Blaine & Joanie Harris, Emily Hephner, Matt Jensby and family, Cheryl Hobson, Bob Jackson, Bret Coleman, Ursula Drake, Mary Brewer.

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

**A. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda

1. City Council Special Meeting Minutes October 11, 2023
2. City Council Meeting Minutes October 12, 2023
3. City Council Special Meeting Minutes October 18, 2023

**Motion by Matt Brewer to approve the consent agenda and seconded by Todd Hedstrom. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**B. APPROVE AGENDA**

**Motion by Richard Haddock to approve the agenda with the addition of adding II. Executive Session for 10 minutes with the subject being attorney/client privilege. Motion seconded by Brian Adams and carried 5-0-0.**

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion by Brian Adams to move into Executive Session for ten minutes for the purpose of attorney/client privilege. Council meeting to resume at 7:13pm. Motion seconded by Richard Haddock and carried 5-0-0.**

Council meeting resumed at 7:15 pm.

**III. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. KECHI CIVIC GROUPS/COMMITTEES**

Emily Hephner, Fair Committee Chairperson, reminded everyone of the Halloween Open House on October 31, 2023, from 6-8:00 pm in the Community Room at City Hall. The committee is also planning a Christmas light scavenger hunt.

**B. KECHI GOOD NEWS**

Amanda Haddock was named as one of the 100 most influential women in Oncology. It's beginning to look like fall with colorful leaves. The city water tower is getting a facelift. The mayor noted her thanks to staff for going over and above during the transition of the City Administrator.

**C. PUBLIC FORUM – No speakers**

**IV. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. APPOINTMENT OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

**1. Approval and Acceptance of Contract**

Motion by Matt Brewer to approve Matthew Jensby as City Administrator and seconded by Richard Haddock. Carried 5-0-0.

Motion by Brian Adams to accept the agreement for City Administrator and seconded by Todd Haddock. Carried 5-0-0.

**2. Oath of Office – administered by Debra Creekmore, City Clerk.**

**B. STREET REPAIRS – Arrowhead, Tomahawk, Tjaden, Huffman**

Thomas Bevan, Public Works Director, reported on the three bids received from Pearson Construction, APAC and Kansas Paving for the above-mentioned street repairs. His recommendation is approval of the Pearson bid for \$139,155. The work will be anticipated to start in the spring.

Motion was made by Richard Haddock to approve the Pearson bid and seconded by Kendra Baldrige. Carried 5-0-0.

**VI. ADJOURN**

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

The meeting closed at 7:44 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Ashley Velazquez

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Debra Creekmore, City Clerk