

CITY OF KEISER

Council Meeting

April 20, 2026

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Monday, April 20, 2026, at Keiser City Hall @ 6 PM. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy, Recorder Penny Wilbanks, and councilmembers Joey Jackson, Lynn Skaggs, & Laura Smith. Absent from the meeting was Councilman Donna Bell. Mayor Creecy declared a quorum.

First order of business is to appoint Freda Story as our new Recorder. A motion to accept Freda Story as the city's recorder was approved by Jackson, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye. Mayor Creecy swore Freda Story into the Recorder position.

Next order of business is a Public Hearing on the issuance of Sewer bonds.

Attorney Taylor Marshall from Little Rock was also in attendance to cover 2 ordinances for securing the sewer bonds. No questions or concerns about the bonds.

Ordinance 2026-04 is an ordinance confirming rates for services rendered by the water and sewer system of the City of Keiser, Arkansas; and prescribing other matters relating thereto from Ordinance 2024-05, adopted in August 2024.

A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was approved by Jackson, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye. At this time, Attorney Marshall requested a roll call, which included council members Joey Jackson, Lynn Skaggs, and Laura Smith. Councilman Donna Bell is absent. Ordinance 2026-04 was then read by title only. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-04 read by title only was approved by Smith, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said aye.

Ordinance 2026-05 is an ordinance to issue 2 bonds; 1) Evidences the Loan, 2) Evidences the principal forgiveness amount. Set to close on the Loan and Grant; May 2026. The attorney explained where the money comes from for this loan and grant and the requirements for depositing 5% of the sewer revenue into a debt reserve account for the duration of the loan; which is required by state law.

A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only of Ordinance 2026-05 was approved by Jackson, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye. At this time, Attorney Marshall requested a roll call, which included council members Joey Jackson, Lynn Skaggs, and Laura Smith. Councilman Donna Bell is absent.

Ordinance 2026-05 authorizing the construction of betterments and improvements to the sewer facilities of the City of Keiser, Arkansas; authorizing the issuance of water and sewer revenue bonds for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the cost of construction; providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds; and prescribing other matters relating thereto; was read by title only.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-05 was approved by Smith, followed by a second from Jackson, and all said aye.

Minutes from the March Council meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Jackson, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said aye.

Special Meeting Minutes from March 12th were reviewed and approved with a motion by Jackson, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye.

Financial Reports for March were reviewed and approved with a motion by Jackson, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye.

Old Business

- A. Ordinance 2026-01- An Ordinance voiding Ordinance 2025-06; reducing the speed limit on East and West Main Street from (30) MPH to (20) MPH; authorizing traffic control speed bumps; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.
A motion to suspend rules and read by title only was approved by Jackson, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye.
A motion to accept Ordinance 2026-01 was approved by Jackson, followed by a second from Smith and all said aye.
A motion to read and accept the Emergency Clause in Ordinance 2026-01 was approved by Jackson, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said aye.
- B. 2026 Drainage Ordinance – an Ordinance regulating driveway culverts, subdivision drainage ditches, residential drainage ditches, and city-owned drainage ditches; providing for minimum ditch standards; referencing Arkansas law; and for other purposes.
A motion to suspend rules and read by title only was approved by Jackson, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye.
A motion to accept Ordinance 2026-02 was approved by Skaggs, followed by a second from Smith and all said aye.
A motion to read and accept the Emergency Clause in Ordinance 2026-02 was approved by Smith, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said aye.

New Business

A. Police Department Update

Chief was absent due to attending training classes

B. 2025 Water/Sewer Audit Results

Water/Sewer Audit from Don Ray came back with no write ups for 2025.

A motion to accept Water/Sewer Audit was approved with a motion from Jackson, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said aye.

C. ANRC Sewer Update

Lift Station on Poplar and Jefferson has been approved and is now in production.

15 Contractors have pulled bids off our engineers' website to bid on our sewer restoration. Bids are scheduled to open on April 23rd @ 2:30 PM.

D. Sewer Line to Woods on W Co Rd 780

Mayor Creecy requested permission to extend the 2" sewer line out in the West Main Division out to the woods, provided the bids come in too high on our sewer project. This would be funded out of the One Cent Sewer Account. This way we can get some more houses hooked to the sewer using grinder pumps until the sewer system gets put into place. A motion to accept this proposition was approved by Skaggs, followed by a second from Jackson, and all said aye.

E. Dog Pound

We had a storm to come through with some pretty strong winds that had done some damage to the dog shed. Public Works director seems to think it can be repaired, but if it can't be repaired, Mayor suggested spending about \$5000 on a metal building or getting Home Depot to come and build it on site. All the council members were good with the decision to replace the building.

F. DRA Resolution

Resolution 2026-01 is a resolution that grants Mayor permission to execute the paperwork and do all the signing for the city for this grant, and the next mayor has permission to continue without having to pass another resolution.

Resolution 2026-01 was then read with its entirety.

A motion to designate and appoint Mayor Rick Creecy to perform all duties was made by Jackson, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye.

A motion was made by Jackson that in the event of an administration change, the new Mayor will continue to have such authority under this Resolution, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye.

A motion to accept Resolution 2026-01 was made by Smith, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said aye.

G. Trails of Life Grant Resolution

Resolution 2026-02 is a resolution authorizing the mayor of the City of Keiser, Arkansas to apply for Great Strides Grant funding through the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism for the development of a smoke-free public trail; and for other purposes. This is a grant to finish the walking trail in the park on the south end. Resolution 2026-02 was read in its entirety. A motion to accept Resolution 2026-02 made by Jackson, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said aye.

H. Ordinance Driving in City Park

Ordinance 2026-03, an ordinance prohibiting the operation of any motorized vehicles, including golf carts, within city park property; providing for exceptions; establishing penalties; and for other purposes was read in its entirety. A motion to suspend the reading and reading title only Ordinance 2026-03 was made by Skaggs, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye. Ordinance 2026-03 was read by title only. A motion to accept Ordinance 2026-03 was made by Smith, followed by a second from Jackson, and all said aye.

Section 8. Emergency Clause was then read to declare Ordinance 2026-03 to take effect immediately upon its passage and approval. A motion to accept the emergency clause was made by Skaggs, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye.

I. Grants

Several grants have been submitted this month.

1. Firefighters Charitable Foundation (FD (3) Digital Radios)
2. Lowes Hometown Grant (Pickleball Court)
3. T-Mobile Hometown Grant Q3 (Pickleball Court)
4. Gary Sinise Foundation (FD (3) Digital Radios)
5. Senator Boozman Appropriations (Aerator)

Other Business

Big River Steel is going to do some landscaping at the park. Red Barn landscaper of Blytheville, Arkansas has presented a bid for \$11,000 to BRS.

Riding lawn mowers in town was addressed. To get from one location of operation to another location of operation; riding the lawn mower in town is approved. Using a lawn mower for means of transportation is not acceptable in the City of Kieser.

Councilman Jackson would like to bring up and vote on the Ordinance to pass UTV's & Golf Carts riding in town. Mayor will pull the Ordinance and present it at the next meeting.

Council members discussed Tiny Houses being brought into the city. A discussion was held on the dos and don'ts of bringing in Tiny Houses. Mayor recommended redoing the zoning laws to clarify sizes and requirements for houses within the city in place of writing an Ordinance on Tiny Houses. The last zoning ordinance was approved in the 70's.

Recommendation was made to require a sign off on projects where electrical wires have been disconnected from homes. This will cut down on fire hazards.

Fire Chief Reggie Horton requested for some work to be done to the Fire Station. It needs some repairs. Fire Chief has agreed to reach out and get some bids for the repairs.

Next regular Meeting will be May 18, 2026 @ 6 PM Keiser City Hall.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jackson, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye.

This meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

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Rick Creecy, Mayor

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Freda Story, Recorder