

CITY OF KEISER

Council Meeting

October 21, 2024

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Monday October 21st, 2024, at 6 PM at Keiser City Hall. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy; Guest, Penny Wilbanks; and Councilmembers Donna Bell, Joey Jackson, Laura Smith, and Lynn Skaggs.

Motion to appoint a new Recorder, Penny Wilbanks, was approved by Skaggs, followed by a second from Smith; and all said aye. Penny Wilbanks was then sworn in as City Recorder.

Minutes from September council meeting & a Special Council meeting had been read and were approved with a motion from Bell, followed by a second from Jackson; and all said aye.

Financial reports were reviewed and discussed. Motion to accept financial reports was approved by Jackson, followed by a second from Bell; and all said aye.

Bell, representing the Special Events Committee, stated that a meeting was taking place soon to discuss the Christmas Parade. Bell also stated that more volunteers were needed for help with Special Events.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Main Street Lift Station
 - 1. Plans have been approved by the Health Department & ANRC to accept bids. Bids were out for 2 weeks and closed on Oct 1st; with the lowest bid being given by MMRS, in the amount of \$220,500.00. Paperwork has been sent to ANRC to recommend the contract be awarded to MMRS.
- b. Police Cars
 - 1. The 3 Police cars purchased from JPD are now in service.
 - 2. All 3 titles have been sent into DMV, and all have been tagged.
 - 3. One of the cars is having transmission issues, which we are checking into getting it fixed.

4. Discussed what will be the outcome of other police cars that are not being used.
5. Discussed insurance premiums for all working police vehicles.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Alliance for Rural Impact
 1. On September 16th, the afternoon was spent with 2 Reps from Alliance Rural Impact from Harrisburg, who are working to try and help get some new businesses in town
 2. Talked with Jordan's but did not meet their requirements on number of doors or traffic through the town.
 3. Plan to work with Rural Impact and Cotton to Steel in November to build us a prospectus for Keiser to use in funding efforts.
- b. Wilson Economic Summit
 1. Mayor attended the Economic Summit in Wilson on October 8th. Also in attendance were Reps from EAPD, DRA, ARK Economic Development, Land of Steel, ASU, ANC & Alliance for Rural Impact. Mayor made some good helpful contacts.
- c. Bike/Walking Trail
 1. All the paperwork has been signed and is now in order.
 2. 25% plans are completed and approved by ARDOT. 50% plans have been submitted for approval
 3. Installation for walking trail will be 2025
- d. Chris & Jennifer Building permit
 1. The Fosters requested a permit to install a chain link fence valued at \$1700. Motion to approve Building permit by Jackson, followed by a second from Smith; and all said aye
- e. Annexation
 1. Area South of Elm Street will not receive any franchise fees but will receive property & turnback tax. Pros: More Revenue; Cons: will have to pave the streets in 5-7 years. Motion to proceed approved by Bell, followed by a second from Jackson; and all said aye.
- f. Keiser Strategic Plan 3-5-10 Year
 1. Mayor presented this strategic plan to have a vision for the future for the city; with goals to attract new businesses, new subdivisions, and grow the city. Also upgrades to the Fire Department.
- g. Grants
 1. A donation from BRS \$2,500 was given to the city to match a 50/50 grant that was received from Urban & Community Forestry Assistance Grant

2. Firehouse Sub (SCBA) Q1 to purchase Scuba equipment for the Fire Department
3. Dirt work and concrete has been poured into our Senior Area of the park.
4. Travis Senter has agreed to help with digging out the pond for the park; working to get this done before the walking trail is put into place.

OTHER BUSINESS

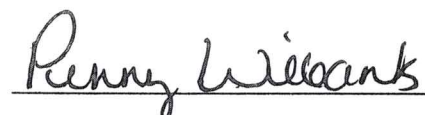
1. Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance for City Officials
 - a. A motion to submit payment for this insurance was approved by Skaggs, followed by a second from Bell; all said aye.
2. Lead pipe inventory has been done and sent to the Health Department – There are some lead pipes in the city. A plan will be put together by 2026 to develop a plan on how to fix or replace lead pipes.
3. Chief Mike Shively resigned his position as Chief; therefore, Paul Borden was suspended due to not having enough hours to become interim Chief.
4. Laura Smith questioned SkyCop being moved to the City Park from its current location.

With no further business to discuss, Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM, followed by a second from Smith; all said aye.

The next regular meeting will be held November 18, 2024, at 6 PM at Keiser City Hall.



Mayor



Recorder