

CITY OF KEISER

Council Meeting

January 19, 2026

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Monday, January 19, 2026 at Keiser City Hall @ 6 PM. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy, Recorder Penny Wilbanks and councilmembers Donna Bell and Lynn Skaggs. Absent from the meeting were Joey Jackson and Laura Smith. Mayor Creecy made up the quorum.

December council minutes were reviewed and approved with a motion from Bell, followed by a second from Skaggs; and all said aye.

December Financial Reports were reviewed and approved with a motion from Bell, followed by a second from Skaggs; and all said aye.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Drainage Grant Circle Update

1. The Drainage Project is in the finishing touches process. The Engineer is close to having things ready for a meeting with the town people. The digging of ditches and removing and placing new culverts will be out for bids. A meeting was held on January 9, 2026 about the flooding and drainage in our area. Those in attendance were Senator Dave Wallace, Judge Nelson, Executive Secretary Jeremy Bennett of Mississippi County Drainage and Road Districts, City Engineer Lance Powell, Public Works Director Neal Brown, and Mayor Rick Creecy. Drainage District committed to place Ditch 47 on rotation. Ditch 47 will be dug out in the next few months. Engineer Powell and Mayor Creecy will evaluate the town to find other ways to get water out of the town into Ditch 47. Mayor Creecy will meet with Judge Nelson to see what he can do to help with support in digging out the existing ditches or by adding new ditches. Current issues and recent improvements were discussed and what the next steps entail.

B. Bike/Walking Trail Update

1. Dirt and gravel work has been completed and has passed the compression test. At this point, we are waiting for acceptable weather conditions to pave the walking trail.

C. City Property Insurance

1. Mayor gave a printout on the new rates for the value of the city properties. A decision was made to prioritize what items we need to increase our coverage and what not to increase. This decision will be discussed later.
- D. Minimum Home Size
1. Mayor Creecy reviewed ordinances and minutes and couldn't find any restrictions on the size of a home. Lot size was the only thing referenced.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2024 Legislative Audit Results
1. Everyone received their copies of the 2024 Legislative Audit. We are happy to say there were no writeups on the 2024 Legislative Audit.
- B. FY2025 Final Year Ending Budget
1. The actual FY2025 budget was presented before the council. A motion to accept FY2025 Final Budget was made by Bell, followed by a second from Skaggs; all said aye.
- C. 2025 Customer Water Adjustments
1. A list of water adjustments made in 2025 was presented before the council. The council reviewed the list and accepted the adjustments with a motion made by Bell, followed by a second from Skaggs; and all said aye.
- D. Ordinance 2026-01 Speed Limit Main Street
1. All council members were not present at this meeting. Mayor cannot vote on an emergency clause; therefore, Ordinance 2026-01 was tabled until next council meeting.
- E. Grants
1. Mayor has submitted a ABD, Harbor Freight and another AARP grant to do phase 2 for the SR area for the park; more landscaping and park benches around the park. We were awarded a Firehouse Sub grant, \$37,857 for 3 SCBA's, 6 tanks, a thermal imaging gun and a gas detector for the Fire Department.

ORDER OF MEETINGS FY2026

A motion to continue with past meeting format following the "Roberts Rule of Order" was made by Bell, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said aye.

A motion to allow citizens up to 5 minutes each at council meetings for comments was made by Bell, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said aye.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Changing Late Fees

A discussion was held about the due date, which is the 16th of each month, falling on the weekend or a holiday, and how everything has to be backdated and reports reran and rebalanced from the day before. A suggestion was made to make a public announcement that bills must be paid by the end of business on the 16th. If the 16th falls on a weekend or holiday, giving one more business day to pay was a suggestion.

B. One citizen had a complaint about this water bill; stating it wasn't fair to have such a high sewer bill, when the water didn't go through the sewer system. He suggested we need to have a flow meter on the sewer system.

C. Chief Police has been on the search for some part-time help with the police department. Chief has a couple of part time helpers in the making. Mayor is in the process of checking how many hours a part-time officer can work and be considered full-time; and seeing if our grant will pay out as full-time, even if an officer doesn't work 40 hours.

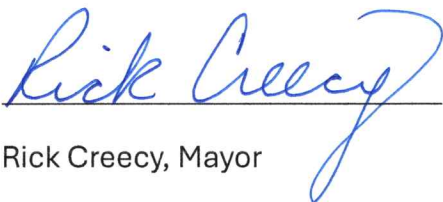
D. A verbal commitment was made about the changeover on the sewer lines in the West Main Subdivision. We can run the 2" line all the way down the front.

E. Questions arose about update on placing liens on old houses. Mayor stated he will have to get with the Chief Police to see where we stand with what can take place. Health Department will be the one to reach out to condemn old dilapidated or trashy properties.

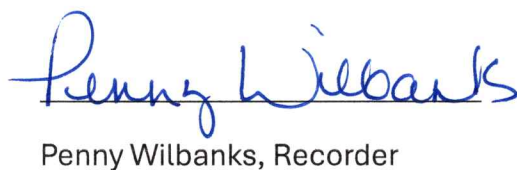
Next regular meeting scheduled for February 23,2026.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting was approved by Bell, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said aye.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.



Rick Creecy, Mayor



Penny Wilbanks, Recorder