

CITY OF KEISER
City Council Meeting

April 15, 2025

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at Keiser City Hall at 6 PM. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy; Recorder Penny Wilbanks; and councilmembers Donna Bell, Lynn Skaggs, and Joey Jackson. Absent from the meeting was Councilman Laura Smith.

Minutes from the March council meeting was read and approved with a motion by Bell, followed by a second from Skaggs; and all said aye.

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

OLD BUSINESS

a. Easement Cypress Street

1. The easement has been signed by Bobby and Linda Kirk. It has also been notarized and filed with the Mississippi County Courthouse.
2. When the weather stabilizes, the city will connect the roads, Cypress & Elm.

b. LOPFI – Police Department

1. Mayor Creecy presented the Council with figures for the city to pay for LOPFI plans for our officers, and what the responsibility of the officers would be. Councilman Jackson suggested discussing this at a later date.

c. Speed Limit on Main Street & Crosswalk

1. Mayor Creecy spoke with ARDOT about the speed limit on streets in the city. ARDOT has informed Mayor Creecy that speed limits on city streets can be determined by the Council. Therefore, Mayor Creecy has recommended the change of the speed limit on Main Street from 30 MPH to 20 MPH, due to housing on both sides of the street, and the daycare and church being in said area.
2. Mayor Creecy recommended painting a crosswalk on Main Street where the bus drops off kids.
3. Motion to approve the speed limit change on main street and painting a crosswalk on main street by Jackson; followed by a second by Bell; and all said aye.

d. Business Tax

1. With very few businesses in town, Mayor Creecy has been looking for ways to generate revenue for the city. In doing so, Mayor Creecy spoke with an Assistant for Cammack Village outside of Little Rock. She began to talk with Mayor Creecy about business tax. She gave an overview of the tax.
2. Mayor Creecy presented a chart and overview of a business tax that would help generate revenue for the City of Keiser.
3. Councilmembers suggested writing an ordinance about looking into a business tax. As for now, this is on hold until more research has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Chief Glenn Dunn III & Josh Allen

1. The Chief was presented to the council with a background, all the credentials and certifications he has acquired.
2. The Chief introduced himself, as well as Officer Josh Allen to the council along with some ideas that he is proposing to make the City of Keiser a better town. Chief & other officers plan to get more citizens involved by Neighborhood Watch and getting kids involved in a program called HEROES.
3. Motion to approve Glenn Dunn III as Chief of Police and Officer Josh Allen as 2nd Officer by Skaggs, followed by a second from Jackson; and said aye.
4. We now have Chief Glenn Dunn III, Officer Joshua Allen, and part-time officers: Jerry Hamilton, Andrew Wyles, & Austin French.

b. Air Ambulance

1. A meeting was held with Dana Ham from Air Med Care about air ambulance service for our city employees. This service was then presented before the council along with prices and options.
2. The move to provide Air Ambulance services for the city employees, both full-time and part-time, and all elected officials by the city was approved by Bell, followed by a second from Jackson, and all said aye.

c. Home on Lot by Bobby Kirk

1. The council has denied any right to move any Tiny Houses into the City of Keiser.

d. ARDOT Resolution

1. Motion to apply for ARDOT RTP grant (to put a 50'x200' parking lot at the City Park) has been approved by Jackson, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said aye.

e. Donations & Disasters

1. The City of Keiser has donated 24 rolls of trash bags and 30 rolls of tissue paper to the city of Dyess, due to flooding and disaster.
2. The City of Keiser provided our full-time officer, Josh Allen, to the City of Monette for 3 days for added security during the aftermath of a tornado on April 2, 2025.

f. Grants

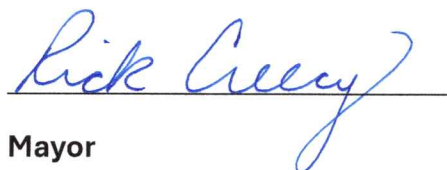
1. Mayor Creecy has applied for a Firehouse Sub Grant to purchase (5) SCBA's for the Fire Department.
2. The City of Keiser has been awarded a BCBS Mini Grant to purchase (7) Trauma First Aid kits. (4) Fire Department, (2) Police Department & (1) City Hall.

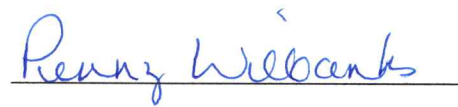
OTHER BUSINES

- a. A citizen has filed a complaint with the Arkansas Attorney General's Office concerning the City of Keiser; stating incorrect charges on a water bill. A letter of response has been provided to the Attorney General.
- b. A volunteer has come forth to help with the dogs in the dog pound and to help find homes for the dogs we have in our pound.
- c. Mayor Creecy has reached out to Travis Senter about digging out the pond at the park. However, with farming about to be in full bloom, Travis will not have the time to pursue it. Mayor Creecy will be seeking other options for getting the pond dug out, including possibly taking bids for the job.
- d. Concerned council members had questions about a community safe Shelter. Mayor Creecy is looking to see if any grants are available for a Safe Shelter.
- e. The city is doing an audit on all culverts to try and fix some of the drainage problems.

With no further business to discuss, Jackson made a motion to dismiss, followed by a second by Skaggs.

Next regular meeting will be May 19, 2025 @ 6 PM @ Keiser City Hall.


Mayor


Recorder