

City of Keiser
Council Meeting
August 18, 2025

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Monday August 18, 2025, at Keiser City Hall @ 6:00 PM. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy, Recorder Penny Wilbanks, and councilmembers Joey Jackson, Laura Smith, and Donna Bell. Absent from the meeting was council member Lynn Skaggs. Mayor Creecy declared a quorum.

July 2025 Minutes were read and approved with a motion by Smith, followed by a second by Bell, and all said aye.

Financial Reports for July 2025 were reviewed and approved with a motion by Smith, followed by a second by Bell, and all said aye.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Business Tax

1. A decision was made to work on more details.
2. Mayor Creecy will put together something more formal.
3. Possible to publish and take effect by Jan 2026

B. Subdivision West Main/Sewer Update

1. 4 Lots have been sold
2. Anticipating more sales
3. Engineer Lance Powell has confirmed that the pipeline to the Lagoon is good for running sewer lines.
4. A Lift Station will be put into place at the West End of this subdivision.

C. Drainage Grant Circle.

1. The grounds in the circle have been surveyed.
2. The Indian Reservation has acquired information about artifacts in the circle.
3. Anytime there is Government money, the Indian Reservation can enquire about environmental and cultural impacts on their land.
4. Mayor Creecy will be accepting this Grant in Little Rock on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

D. Annexation South Dunavant

1. Residents are still questioning why this is necessary; what this will do for the city. This will grow houses, which will also increase numbers for the city.

This will help in being able to apply and possibly receive more grants for the city.

2. A survey has been completed approving the depth of the Cypress Lift Station, and that it is elevated enough to reach all houses in question.

E. Code Enforcement

1. Discussion on how to clean up different locations
2. A motion to move forward with Cleaning up the city was approved by Jackson, followed by a second by Smith, and all said aye.
3. Proposed Ordinance 2025-02 was reviewed and discussed. Changes were made to the ordinance and incorporated into the final draft.
4. A motion made by Smith to accept the revised ordinance and, in accordance with Arkansas Code § 14-55-202, to dispense the full reading of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Bell. Upon a voice vote, all members present voted “aye,” and the motion carried.
5. For the record, the ordinance was read by title only in preparation for the inclusion of an emergency clause.
6. A motion to declare an emergency clause in Ordinance 2025-02 was approved by Jackson, followed by a second by Smith, and all said aye.
7. Emergency clause was read and a motion to accept the declaration of the emergency clause was approved by Jackson, followed by a second, and all said aye.

F. Fun Park Grant

1. Playground equipment is now complete. The last payment was mailed to Noah’s Park and Playgrounds, LLC, on 08/12/2025.

G. Bike/Walking Trail

1. A letter has been sent to ARDOT on bids received. We are waiting on a response from ARDOT to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution ANRC Small Water System Grant

1. Resolution 2025-08 – a resolution giving Mayor permission to apply for a ANRC grant.
2. A motion to accept Resolution 2025-08 was made by Bell, followed by a second by Smith, and all said aye.

B. Duplex request to build on 125 Monroe Street.

1. Council members inquired about who was building the duplex, and all agreed to proceed with the building.
- C. Rented Mini Track to dig ditches and clean culverts
 1. With losing one of its employees, Paul Borden; the city has hired Allen Gates to resume the work for digging out ditches. Also, Gates will be digging for placing culverts.
- D. Investors Meeting
 1. A group of investors met at City Hall with Mayor Creecy on August 7, 2025, to discuss investing business in Mississippi County. A lot of questions were presented.
- E. Water Meter Reading
 1. Stephen Moore resigned the position for reading water meters; therefore, the task will now be placed on city workers.
- F. ServLine Water Insurance
 1. A recommendation for water lines inside and outside the home, as well as sewer lines, was presented to the council. The council has agreed to canvas residents with this recommendation.
- G. Grants
 1. City of Keiser did not receive the EV Charging Station Grant.
 2. ANRC Self Reading Meter Grant
 - a. Mayor Creecy is currently working on a grant for the city for Self-Reading Meters.

Other Business

A Policy & Procedure for steps on property clean-up and code enforcement was presented and accepted with a motion by Smith, followed by a second by Jackson, and all said aye.

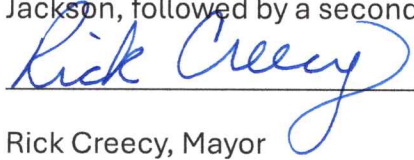
An associate from Global Life Insurance Company was present and requested a visit with city employees to present them with a Life Insurance Policy. This meeting was approved with a motion by Jackson, followed by a second by Smith, and all said aye.

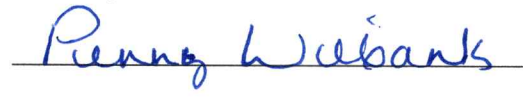
Council members presented some concerns about junk businesses and junky residents.

Council members requested an Ordinance be passes allowing side by sides on our city streets, but multiple requirements must be met, along with a yearly fee.

Next scheduled meeting will be September 15, 2025 @ 6:00 PM, Keiser City Hall.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Jackson, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye.


Rick Creecy, Mayor


Penny Wilbanks, Recorder