

CITY OF KEISER

Council Meeting

March 16, 2026

The Keiser City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2026, at Keiser City Hall at 6 PM. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy; Recorder Penny Wilbanks; and councilmembers Donna Bell, and Joey Jackson. Absent from the meeting were Councilmembers Lynn Skaggs and Laura Smith. Mayor Creecy made up the quorum.

Minutes from February were reviewed and approved with a motion by Bell, followed by a second from Jackson, all said aye.

While the Financial Reports were being reviewed, Councilman Laura Smith arrived; therefore, Mayor Creecy removed himself from the quorum.

Mayor Creecy brought to the council's attention the Fire Grant that we had received, which was deposited in the General Account. Councilman Bell brought up a question about a list of inventories for the Fire Department.

Councilman Laura Smith arrived at 6:10 P.M. Mayor Creecy then removed himself from the quorum

Financial reports were reviewed and approved with a motion by Bell, followed by a second from Jackson, and all said aye.

OLD Business

a. Drainage Grant Circle Update

A town meeting was held on March 12th to discuss plans for the drainage project for the Circle (which includes Senter, Pine, Bell and Bruce Wilson Streets)

Bids for the Drainage Grant Project will be opened on March 18th.

b. City Property Insurance

City Council members and the City's Engineer all agree to focus on the most important items for the city's operation. The chance of everything being a total loss is very small. We should only raise the coverage on items that keep the city running. We have sufficient coverage on most of our assets. Engineer Lance Powell suggested we have coverage of \$50,000 on each of the Lift Stations. We will adjust coverage accordingly.

A motion to accept these changes in coverage was approved by Jackson, followed by a second by Smith, and all said aye.

c. Ordinance 2026-01 Speed Limit Main Street

Councilmembers questioned the significance of changing the speed limit from 30 MPH to 20 MPH. Mayor Creecy mentioned the daycare and a significant number of residential houses being on main street. In discussion of the changes, councilmembers have agreed to return the signs to 30 MPH on Main Street and strictly enforce the 30 MPH signs.

d. 2026 Drainage Ordinance

Councilmembers brought up concerns on the wording of Section #5, C, 2. Mayor Creecy will revise the statement on rules and regulations of installing a new culvert to replace an existing culvert.

The proposed ordinance has been reviewed by members of the City Council and will need to be reviewed at the next council meeting after revisions have been made.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Police Department Update

Chief Dunn gave an update on police work in the city.

Citations have been and will continue to be issued for non-compliance with city ordinances.

A 2nd full-time officer has been appointed. At this point, we are waiting for all proper paperwork to be returned.

Councilmembers questioned the dogs running loose in town, whether they are registered with the city. Some have registered with the city but are not up to date. We will start giving out ordinance packets to new residents on the rules of pet registration.

Chief reached out to a fellow officer from Truman about code enforcement. They are outlining a form of dealing with dilapidated homes and unsightly property.

We can't do more than one house per year per block, but we can do more in different areas.

Council members have directed the Chief to begin with property on Market Street.

b. ANRC Sewer Update

ANRC has provided an amortization schedule for the \$3.2 million Loan Forgiveness and \$1.1 million Loan. Lawyers are working on getting the Bond for this. Plans to bring in West Main and Dunavant extension were approved. Bids

will have to be around \$3.5 million to add this work to our project. We are looking for additional funding through Delta Regional Authority if needed.

The perk test did not come back good, therefore, there will not be any septic tanks able to be put in this area.

We were informed that engineering plans did not have to go through the Health Department because of it being an existing replacement and not new construction. Then we were told they do have to go through the Health Department. Therefore, the plans have been routed to the Health Department and are now waiting for approval.

ANRC has approved us to close early on the loan.

Payment on \$550,000 loan will begin April 2027. Payments will be about \$4,800 a month for 10 years.

Payment on \$1.1 million loan will begin August 2028. Payments will be about \$6,595 a month for 20 years.

c. Sewer Bills

We had several extremely high bills this month due to broken water lines. Mayor Creecy recommended considering amending the policy for water bill adjustments: only if the leaks are from broken lines, show proof to the city of broken lines being repaired by certified plumber, or proof to public works director of work done by homeowner, adjust only the Sewer Bill, not the water bill, and charge only the previous 3 month average for sewer. Mayor also recommended credit for the difference.

d. Mayor Creecy attended a seminar for Grant Training in Little Rock on March 5th and will also attend a seminar in Searcy on April 8th.

e. City Recorder

Recorder has moved out of town and will resign March 31, 2026. Mayor has recommended 2 candidates. We will need to call a special meeting before next council meeting to declare a vacancy. Appointment must be at a regular scheduled meeting. We also need to lobby for a new mayor for the upcoming election.

f. Grants

Mayor Creecy has submitted the following:

1. Spirit of Blue Foundation Grant – Police
2. Rick Crawford Appropriations – Water
3. MSA & DuPont's Gear Giveaway – Fire Department

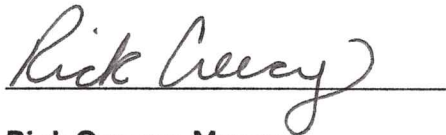
OTHER BUSINESS

We have a lot of excavation work. Council members suggested we need to look into purchasing a backhoe.

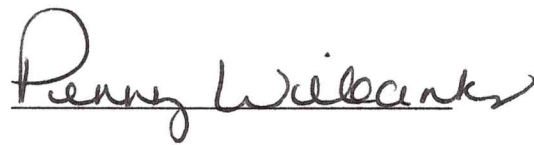
Members of the Fire Department have requested permission to purchase a storage container for the Fire Department. Motion to approve this purchase was made by Smith, followed by a second from Bell.

Next regular meeting will be April 20, 2026 @ 6 PM Keiser City Hall.

Jackson made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 6:55 PM, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye.

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Rick Creecy, Mayor

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Penny Wilbanks, Recorder