

CITY OF KEISER
Council Meeting
May 20, 2024

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6 pm at Keiser City Hall. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy; Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars; and Councilmembers Donna Bell, Joey Jackson, and Lynn Skaggs.

Mayor Creecy declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6 pm. Minutes from the April 15, 2024, council meeting were read and approved with a motion from Jackson, followed by a second from Bell; and all said aye. Minutes from May 2, 2024, special meeting were read and approved with a motion from Jackson, followed by a second from Bell; and all said aye.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Water Tank Update
 - i. Upgrade to the water tank and filter house by contractor has been completed.
 - ii. One payment has been made to them.
 - iii. An electrician is working on a quote for the electrical panel replacement.
 - iv. The two filters and the filter house are scheduled to be painted.
- b. Sewer System Update
 - i. Televising of the sewer system is 99% complete.
 - ii. The next step is to review damage with the engineer to develop a repair plan.
 - iii. The Main Street Lift Station is sinking. It has been temporarily shored up with plans to replace it and the Poplar Street Lift Station as the next phase of work.
 - iv. An insurance claim for damages has been filed on the Main Street Lift Station. The city has received a \$45k check on that claim.
- c. Sewer Loan
 - i. The city will be decommitting the \$4.6 m loan less what we have spent at the June 1st deadline.
 - ii. A reapplication will be submitted in November for a loan forgiveness grant.
 - iii. To increase our chances for "Loan Forgiveness" we should raise our sewer rate from \$19.27 to \$46.00 (a \$26.73 increase).
 - iv. A town meeting is planned to present damage and publicize the rate increase.
- d. Ordinance 2024-01 – Trash Pickup -tabled until next meeting with a motion from Bell, followed by a second from Jackson; and all said aye.
- e. Ordinance 2024-02 – Code Enforcement

To dispense with reading in entirety 3 times – Bell, motion; Skaggs, second; all said aye.
1st reading in entirety – Bell, motion; Jackson, second; all said aye.
2nd reading by title only – Jackson, motion; Bell, second; all said aye.
3rd reading by title only – Bell, motion; Skaggs, second; all said aye.
Emergency Clause – to invoke – Bell, motion; Skaggs, second; all said aye.
Emergency Clause – to approve – Jackson, motion; Skaggs, second; all said aye.

Ordinance 2024-02 was adopted May 20, 2024.

- f. Active Shooter Training
 - i. Held on April 20th with 15 in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Park Lights Update
 - i. Three 1000-watt lights have been installed at the park.
 - ii. Plans are for a new pole to be set on the north end of the gravel parking lot, and installation of two additional 1000-watt lights (one pointing due east and one pointing towards the existing playground equipment.
 - iii. Two Power Loops will be installed to run power to park.
- b. Grant Update
 - i. Awarded a \$7,400 police grant for an AWIN car radio, car radar, handheld radar, SLR camera, portable battery booster, two auto lockout kits, body cam, & safety cones.
 - ii. Awarded a \$1,936 BCBS AED Grant. Purchased 2 AED's.
 - iii. Awarded a \$15,000 Park Grant.
 - iv. Submitted a Blue & You Mini Bleeding Kits Grant.
 - v. Submitted a Tennis Court Grant.
 - vi. Submitted a Hazardous Mitigation Water/Sewer Grant.
 - vii. Submitted through John Boozman's office 2025 Budget:
 - 1. \$2m Sewer
 - 2. \$500k Water aerator & self-reading meters.
 - 3. \$110k safeguarding our essential water infrastructure.
- c. Water Bill Adjustments
 - i. Janeice Kelly - \$835.45 adjusted to average bill (meter reading error).
 - a. Motion to approve – Bell; second – Skaggs; all said aye.

With no further business to discuss, Skaggs motioned to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second from Jackson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

The next regular meeting will be June 17, 2024, at 6 pm at Keiser City Hall.

May 20, 2024, continuation attest:


Mayor Rick Creedy


Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Sellars