

CITY OF KEISER

Council Meeting

May 19, 2025

The Keiser City Council met in regular session Monday, May 19, 2025, at Keiser City Hall @ 6 PM. In attendance were Mayor Rick Creecy, Recorder Penny Wilbanks, and councilmembers Joey Jackson, Donna Bell and Laura Smith. Absent from the meeting was Councilman Lynn Skaggs.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Dunn reported on things happening in the Police Department.

- a. Getting ahead with law enforcement by enforcing code enforcement and making arrests on unlawful drivers.
- b. Received donations for tasers for the Department, saving us over \$5000.
- c. We received a court order to destroy old evidence.
- d. Replaced evidence lockers with new lockers that only the chief has keys to.
- e. Started the program "Helmets for Heroes.
- f. New Membership to Criminal Justice Training

Minutes from the April Council meeting was read and approved with a motion by Jackson, followed by a second from Bell; and all said aye.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Creecy presented a rough draft of a Business License Program for any business owners in the city, including a garage sell fee. This is an initiative to support local economic growth, improve city services, and foster a more business-friendly environment.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Police Report

1. Given by Chief Dunn at the beginning of the meeting
- b. Ark Act 573
 1. Senate Bill 433, now Act 573 was passed, requiring a display of the Ten Commandments, an Arkansas Flag, and a US Flag to be placed in all state and local government buildings.
- c. Air Ambulance (FD)
 1. The council voted to postpone discussion until the next meeting when all members are present.
- d. Chamber Meeting
 1. Mayor Creecy met with Liz (Chamber of Blytheville) to discuss some opportunities for the City of Keiser.
 2. Mayor Creecy also met with the business owners of the City of Keiser to agree to a meeting with Liz (Chamber of Commerce, Blytheville, AR)
 3. Mayor Creecy presented a rough draft of a proposed business license plan.
- e. Park Update
 1. Repairs are in progress on the restrooms at the city park. New doors have been installed. Painting has started. Entergy has installed a new meter and new outside lights for the park.
- f. Grants
 1. Mayor Creecy has applied for the following grants:
 - a. ArDOT RTP – 50' x 200' parking lot
 - b. Rick Crawford Appropriations – Rod Iron Fence around the Shop
 - c. Gary Sinise Foundation – SCBA & Turnouts
 - d. Senator Boozman Appropriations – Aerator for our water system

At this time, Mayor Rick Creecy has changed the order of this Council meeting to being opened to the public for discussion on resolutions for grants concerning the city park. Open discussions about activities at the park by the council and citizens of the city included a basketball court, a pickleball court, a tennis court, and an obstacle course. The city council and citizens of the city were all in agreement to proceed with the grant applications.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution 2025-04 was read by Recorder, Penny Wilbanks before the council and the citizens in attendance. This resolution was presented to grant permission for the mayor to apply for a grant (Great Strides/Trails for Life) for the park. This grant is for basketball, pickleball, tennis & outdoor obstacle course. Resolution 2025-04 was approved with a motion by Smith, followed by a second from Bell, and all said aye.

Resolution 2025-05 was read by Recorder, Penny Wilbanks before the council and the citizens in attendance. This resolution was presented to grant permission for the mayor to apply for a grant (Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism), also for the park. This grant is for a fishing pond, park benches and an Amphitheater. Resolution 2025-05 was approved with a motion by Jackson, followed by a second from Smith, and all said aye.

A letter from ArDOT to start receiving bids for the walking trail is expected to be received any day now.

Resolution 2025-06 was read by Recorder, Penny Wilbanks before the council and the citizens in attendance. This resolution was presented to grant permission for the mayor to secure a loan from Cadence Bank for installation of a Bike/Walking Track at the City Park.

Items to be scrapped from the city:

1. (4) Desktop computer towers
2. Old Bank Safe
3. HP Laser Printer
4. Shredder
5. PC Speakers
6. (5) Phones
7. (2) Laptops

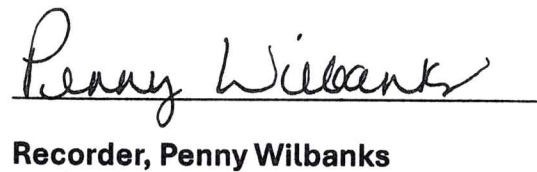
Council members presented some concerns about unnecessary loud music within city limits, yard sales, and how to proceed in getting properties condemned, torn down, or put liens against.

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

Next regular meeting will be June 16, 2025 @ 6:00 PM at Keiser City Hall.

Meeting adjourned.


Mayor, Rick Creecy


Recorder, Penny Wilbanks