

CITY OF KEISER
Council Meeting
September 15, 2025

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

August council minutes were reviewed and approved with a motion from Jackson, followed by a second from Skaggs; and all said aye

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OLD BUSINESS

- a. Business Tax was tabled for a later date due to gathering more information.
- b. In the West Main Subdivision, 4 lots have been sold, with a total of 11 lots being spoken for. A survey is in works on distinguishing lots. Lot sizes will be larger; therefore, we will not get the 23 lots that we had originally hoped for.
- c. On the Drainage Grant for the circle, Tribe did not express any interest in having an environmental survey. The original survey has been completed and is now being drawn up. We are looking for another 60 days for the survey to be totally completed where work can begin on the drainage project.
- d. The contract to begin work on the Bike/Walking Trail was signed on Tuesday, September 9, 2025. The layout was provided to the contractor, with work scheduled to begin this week. The contract gives them 90 days to complete the project, but with weather permitting, it should be completed in approximately 60 days. The park will remain closed to the public while contractors are working on the trail.
- e. We had very few interested in the water insurance program, therefore, we will not pursue this program.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Eddie Gardner had some problems with Apartments at 506 AR-181. The connection angled into the sewer system caused the blockage, which was the

city's responsibility. Joey Jackson repaired the connection; verified by Public Works Director, Neal Brown. A motion to reimburse Mr. Gardner in the amount of \$1,160.88 was approved by Bell, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said aye.

- b. September 1st water bills were at an all-time high for several customers. There was a lot of concern as to why the water bills were high. Members of the Keiser Methodist Church showed concern with using 80,000+ gallons and brought it before the council. A motion to approve an adjustment for Keiser Methodist Church from \$685.00 to \$146.24 (12000 gallons) was made by Bell, followed by a second from Skaggs; and all said aye.
- c. A Resolution for the yearly 6 Mil tax was read and approved with a motion by Jackson, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said aye
- d. Resolution 2025-09, A Resolution of Intent Regarding the Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project was read and approved with a motion from Bell, followed by a second from Jackson, and all said aye.
- e. Resolution 2025-10, a Resolution authorizing the Mayor of Keiser to submit a change order to the ANRC to request the modification of the existing loan/loan forgiveness agreement for the sewer system to include additional service areas and infrastructure improvements was read followed by a motion to approve by Bell, followed by a second from Jackson, and all said aye.
- f. The council members have motioned for further investigation into passing Ordinance 2025-03, and ordinance authorizing the operation of UTV's within the city limits of Keiser, Arkansas.
- g. Policies and Procedures: work hours, compensation, and duty expectations for Keiser Police Department was read and approved with a motion from Jackson, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said aye.
- h. Mayor Creecy has presented before the council some issues that have been going on with our Water Solutions Software, which this company is no longer in business. There are no issues with the accuracy of billing, but issues with backups, exports, and having to be restored multiple times. Mayor Creecy has recommended that we investigate upgrading to a more modern version. Council members have agreed to investigate newer software for the city.
- i. Fireman, Ronald Hallett presented to the council having residents to purchase flags of Hometown Heroes being placed down our main streets.
- j. Mayor Creecy is in the process of working on a grant for the fishing pond.
- k. Yavonne Brown is in the process of getting the Diner up and running. Fiber optic lines have already been installed for internet service. Ms. Brown has proposed purchasing the building to invest more in the business.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. The culvert has been placed to connect Elm Street to Cypress Street, but it needs another load of dirt. The pavement of the road will likely take place within the next year.
- b. Ethan Brown has requested a permit to build a new home worth \$250,000. A motion to approve this permit by Bell, followed by a second from Skaggs, and all said aye.
- c. The Keiser Police Department is selling three of its unused cars to purchase 1 car for the department.

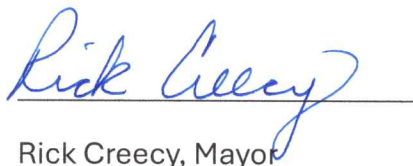
A motion to accept this meeting was approved by Skaggs, followed by a second from Jackson.

Mayor Creecy and council members broke from the regular meeting for an executive meeting to discuss an issue with a citizen and the water ordinance. Information was shared, but no action was taken.

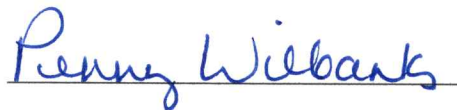
Mayor Creecy called back to order a regular meeting.

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

The next regular meeting will be October 20, 2025 @ 6 PM Keiser City Hall.

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Rick Creecy, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Penny Wilbanks", written over a horizontal line.

Penny Wilbanks, Recorder