

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 11, 2014
7 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Ed Parker called the regular meeting of the Kechi City Council to order at 7:00 PM December 11, 2014

Council present: Kevin Opat, Debbie Jacobs, Margaret McCormick, and David McConnaughay & Brian Adams.

Staff Present: Robert Conger, City Administrator; Andrew Marino, City Attorney; Laura Hill, City Clerk; Larry Kallenberger, Director of Public Works; Nicole Alvarado Bailey, Finance Director/Treasurer; John Blevins, Chief of Police

Visitors Present: Sandra McConnaughay; Janet Faust & Fred Dimick

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kevin Opat to approve the consent agenda. Second by Margaret McCormick.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Consent agenda

1. **Approve minutes of November 13, 2014**
2. **Approve Appropriation Ordinance # 695**
3. **Approve Resolution 14-638 Establishing Holidays for 2015** (Same number of Holidays as 2014)

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by David McCormick to approve the agenda & for the executive session to be for 30 minutes for the discussion of attorney client privilege & personnel matters. Also to add the Bel Aire open house to the agenda under communications A. Second by Debbie Jacobs. Motion carried 5-0-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. BEL AIRE, Holiday Open House Invite

Robert Conger, City Administrator reported to the council that the City of Bel Aire had invited the city to join them for their Holiday Open House on December 16th from 4:30 -6:30

B. PUBLIC FORUM-none

C. KECHI CIVIC GROUPS/COMMITTEES

1. **Historical Post Office -None**
2. **Tree and Park Board – None**
3. **Chamber of Commerce -None**
4. **Fair Committee** –Janet Faust reported on two new businesses in town. The Vintage Rhinestone which is in the Artisan Lane Shops and Junk in the Trunk which is across from City Hall in the “Ken Quilt” bldg. Grand Opening for Junk in the Trunk December 12, 13, & 14th. Announced the new Chamber officers for 2015, Virginia Riemann & Betty Washington serving as Co-President, Von Rhoades as Vice President, and Teri Carlson & B. Burkhalter as Co-Secretary.

C. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Zoning Administrator-provided a written report.

Director of Public Works – Larry Kallenberger gave a presentation on the gas system and the city’s public awareness program. Stated there are 17.5 miles of pipeline within the city that the city maintains. He showed video’s about the dangers of a gas leak and also about the safety that Police officers etc. should take when responding to a suspected leak.

Chief of Police – John Blevins, Chief of Police submitted a written report. Reported that the

department would be getting body camera while the click it or ticket money from the state.

Finance Director/Treasurer – Nicole Alvarado Bailey, Finance Director/Treasurer; submitted a written report.

City Clerk- Reported that the Wichita City Council passed a resolution to increase the water rates. The increase to wholesale water rates to the city would be .26 cents per thousand gallons of water use. Notices will be put in the Kechi Lamp.

City Council-Brian Adams announced that he and his wife adopted a son.

City Administrator – Robert Conger, City Administrator; presented a written report & reported that he and Larry Kallenberger had met with Mark Borscht, Sedgwick County Public Works regarding the responsibility of road maintenance etc.

III. OLD BUSINESS- none

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Real Estate Listing Extension Agreement

Robert Conger, City Administrator recommended an extension with Crown Realty Company for another six months to list the city's properties for sale.

Motion by Brian Adams to approve the real estate extension for an additional six months and authorize the Mayor to sign the documents. Second by Margaret McCormick. Motion carried 5-0-0.

2. Volunteer & Employee Holiday Gifts

Laura Hill, City Clerk recommended to buy each of the committee members & volunteer households a 2 pound box of nuts from Nifty Nut House at a cost of \$19.70 each. Also made recommendation to buy gift cards in the amount of \$100 for full time employees and \$50 for part time employees for a holiday gift.

Motion by Margaret McCormick to authorize the purchase of the Nifty Nut Gifts for committee members and volunteer households and also the purchase of the Holiday Visa Gift Cards for City Staff. Second by Debbie Jacobs. Motion carried 5-0-0.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Attorney Client/Personnel Matters

Motion by Kevin Opat to go into executive session for 30 minutes for the discussion of Attorney Client & Personnel Matters & to include the Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator. Second by Debbie Jacobs. Motion carried 5-0-0. The time was 8:45 PM.

Motion by Kevin Opat to go back into executive session for 10 minutes for the discussion of Attorney Client & Personnel Matters & to include the Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator. Second by Debbie Jacobs. Motion carried 5-0-0. The time was 9:20 PM.

Regular Session

Motion by Margaret McCormick to give Officer Clifton a pay range increase from Range 3 Step 10 to Range 3 Step 11 effective January 1, 2015. Second by Brian Adams. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Robert Conger, City Administrator reported of an opportunity the city has for assistance for funding for construction of a road within the KDOT & Young Industrial Developments. He recommended approval of a work order with the city's engineers PEC to fill the application for the funding assistance at a cost of \$2,200.00.

Motion by David McConnaughay to authorize the work order with PEC to file the application for funding assistance on the city's behalf, in the amount of \$2,200.00. Second by Margaret McCormick. Motion carried 4-0-1. Debbie Jacobs abstaining.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Debbie Jacobs to adjourn. Second by Brian Adams. Motion carried 5-0-0. The time was 9:30 PM

Signed: _____
Ed Parker, Mayor

Attest: _____
Laura Hill, City Clerk

