

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 8, 2015
7 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Ed Parker called the regular meeting of the Kechi City Council to order at 7:00 PM January 8, 2015

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

Staff Present: Robert Conger, City Administrator; Andrew Marino, City Attorney; Theresa Morlan, Deputy City Clerk; Nicole Alvarado Bailey, Finance Director/Treasurer; John Blevins, Chief of Police

Visitors Present: Dr. Ken Kriz, WSU Regent Professor and Director at Kansas Environmental Finance Center, Jack McCormick, Leif MacMartin, Tina Seemayer, & David Dinell of Ark Valley News

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by David McConnaughay to approve the consent agenda. Second by Debbie Jacobs.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Consent agenda

1. **Approve minutes of December 11, 2014**
2. **Approve Appropriation Ordinance # 696**

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Margaret McCormick to approve the agenda & for the executive session to be for 10 minutes for the discussion of attorney client privilege. Second by Debbie Jacobs. Motion carried 5-0-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. LKM City Hall Day

Robert Conger, City Administrator reported to the council that the League of Kansas Municipalities would host City Hall Day, Wednesday February 4 at Maner Conference Center in Topeka. It would be an opportunity to visit with legislators in the morning and hear presentations from LKM staff and legislative leaders in the afternoon.

B. PUBLIC FORUM-None

C. KECHI CIVIC GROUPS/COMMITTEES

1. Historical Post Office -None

2. Tree and Park Board – Jack McCormick reported that the Tree and Park Board had updated by-laws a few years ago to stagger appointments to make sure there was “old blood” on the board along with new board members. One must be a resident of Kechi to serve on the board, therefore Tina Seemayer was to be appointed to fill Fred Dimmick’s vacated position. He also asked for the reappointment of Leif MacMartin and Cathy Bonneson for a three year term.

Motion by Debbie Jacobs to reappoint Leif MacMartin and Cathy Bonneson. Second by David McConnaughay. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Motion by Brain Adams to appoint Tina Seemayer for one year to fill vacated seat. Second by David McConnaughay. Motion carried 5-0-0.

3. Chamber of Commerce -None

4. Fair Committee –None

D. DR. KEN KRIZ, RWD#1 RATE STUDY

Dr. Kriz reported the findings of the Analysis of the Acquisition of Water Servicing Rights for the City of Kechi. He covered the four tasks: Valuation of Right to Service Existing Customers, Valuation of Property Associated with Current Customers (per acre), Valuations of Right to Serve Future Customer, and Valuation of In-place Infrastructure.

Discussion: We are not necessarily planning to purchase pipes currently used by RWD #1, but the costs would be passed along to developer if needed. REEP recommends one value per acre whether developed, in-place or new customers. It is fair to assess land based upon how it will be developed as to how many connections would be needed per acre. Water rates will drive this cost, in today's dollars. We should not have to pay for land of existing customers. Future contracts will be discussed in Executive Session using this as a guideline.

E. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Zoning Administrator- None

Director of Public Works –None

Chief of Police – John Blevins, Chief of Police, submitted a written report and distributed 2015 Police Officer Salary Recommendations. The recommendation for future officer salary would be based upon whether the officer is Certified or Non-Certified, is competitive with surrounding areas, with the step-increases will keep the pay under budget, and is respectful of current officers' pay. If the officer hired is not certified, the training through KLETC must be completed within one year and field training under Officer Clifton would be required both before and after KLETC training. He has approximately 100 applicants for one position. After testing applicants, he would like to have an interview panel of himself, City Manager and one Commissioner.

Finance Director/Treasurer – Nicole Alvarado Bailey, Finance Director/Treasurer; submitted a written report. She also reported that due to year-end procedures with the Data Technologies software that balances are correct, but certain funds are not in the appropriate locations within the report. Robert, Laura and she met with Blue Cross/Blue Shield on health insurance premiums which will decrease about 4%. She also stated that for the bonds that are coming due, the city could save \$10,000 to \$15,000 on the cost of issuance by combining their reissue. She is working with the intern to do maintenance on the web-site and would like to get photos taken by a local professional photographer of the council before the February 26 meeting at 6:30PM.

City Clerk- None

City Council- Kevin Opat attended the Bel Aire Christmas Open House. Asked about the maintenance of Woodlawn; Robert Conger is planning to meet with David Speer from Sedgwick County next week to discuss options.

City Administrator – Robert Conger, City Administrator; handed out a volunteer sign-up sheet for the Home Show the first weekend in February. Randy Dean Construction was issued 10 building permits for duplexes in Rock Pointe. Surveys will be mailed out on Friday (Jan. 9) for the Comprehensive Plan, and is organizing a target group for the Strategic Plan.

III. OLD BUSINESS- none

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2015 City Council Workshops

Robert Conger, City Administrator reported that there would be a workshop over health insurance at 6:30PM on January 22 prior to the City Council Meeting. The information presented would make more clear the budgetary impact for hiring a new police office. Chief Blevins and he pointed out that the hiring process would take 6 to 8 weeks. The council agreed that Chief Blevins could move forward with the process, and they will look at the definitive hiring in two weeks.

2. Comprehensive Plan Update

Robert Conger, City Administrator, stated the review of the plan is required by state statute, there have been several opportunities for public involvement including meetings, open house, surveys and comment forms. Next week there will be a public hearing at Planning Commission meeting. The City Council will then act upon their recommendation by either accepting it, overriding it with a 2/3 majority vote or send it back to Planning Commission for revision. A target group will be formed to develop action items which will be the Strategic Plan.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Attorney Client/Personnel Matters

Motion by Kevin Opat to go into executive session for 10 minutes for the discussion of Attorney Client Privilege. Second by Brian Adams. Motion carried 5-0-0. The time was 9:45 PM.

Regular Session

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brian Adams to recess meeting until 6PM on January 22. Second by Margaret McCormick Motion carried 5-0-0.

The time was 9:45 PM

Signed: _____
Ed Parker, Mayor

Attest: _____
Theresa Morlan, Deputy City Clerk