

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 13, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Ed Parker called the regular meeting of the Kechi City Council to order.

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

Staff Present: Robert Conger, City Administrator; John Blevins, Chief of Police; Laura Hill, City Clerk; Andrew Marino, City Attorney

Visitors Present: Jack McCormick, Janet Faust, Sandra McConnaughay, Rick Firner, Matt Heilman, Ark Valley News.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by David McConnaughay to approve the consent agenda. Second by Kevin Opat. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Consent agenda

1. **Approve Appropriation Ordinance # 685**
2. **Approve funding for the Over 55 Club in the budgeted amount of \$2,000.00**
3. **Approve minutes of January 23, 2014.**

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by David McConnaughay to approve the agenda. Second by Debbie Jacobs. Motion carried 5-0-0

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. PUBLIC FORUM-None

B. KECHI CIVIC GROUPS/COMMITTEES

1. **Historical Post Office Update** –None
2. **Tree and Park Board** – Jack McCormick reported the board was continuing to work toward getting the Tree City Designation. Also complemented Larry and Thomas on the clearing of the streets during the recent snow storm.
3. **Chamber of Commerce-** Janet Faust, President reported the Chamber had two new members: Kechi Vintage Market Place and Z Insurance. Reminded everyone about the ribbon cutting ceremony for Cottage Collectives on Thursday February 20th. Also a social media class on February 26th at 7 PM & a Milk Paint 101 class on March 12th from 6-9:30 PM.
4. **Fair Committee** –none

C. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Zoning Administrator – Bob Conger, City Administrator reported the planning commission would be holding a public hearing on March 11th for a special use to hold a vintage market place one or two weekends a month on the property east of the strip mall.

Chief of Police – John Blevins reported on the pass year's statistics for the department.

City Clerk – Laura Hill reported on the increase cost of natural gas for the winter season.

Council – Brian Adams commented on the great job the employees did on the snow clean up on the streets and also the little segment on KAKE News that Bob Conger did.

Kevin Opat asked about the responsibility of 53rd & Woodlawn.

Debbie Jacobs also complemented the maintenance staff on the great job clearing the roads.

City Administrator – Robert Conger provided a written report. Reported that he has a tentative agreement for March 8th for the retreat. Suggested to recess the next council meeting on the 27th to March 8th. David McConnaughay and Debbie Jacobs may not be able to attend.

Also suggested to the council to hold a workshop at 6 PM for the next meeting to discuss city owned properties. Provided the council with a print out of the polling results from the Strategic Planning Meeting.

III. OLD BUSINESS-none

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. City's Liability Insurance Contract (City Administrator)- Discussion only; action if desired by council. Robert Conger, City Administrator discussed changing agents upon renewal from Earl Herren to Cutis Zerr, the insurance company itself would stay the same. There was some discussion by the council & Kevin Opat suggested having Earl Herren come before the council at the next meeting.

B. Expansion of Pool of part-time Officers (City Administrator & Chief of Police) – Discussion and consideration for approval of request. John Blevins, Chief of Police reported that he had a couple of the part time officers reduced the number of hours they were able to work for the City of Kechi. He would like to increase the number of part time officers to have more officers to pull from to fill the hours assigned the part time officers and also to fill in when the full time officers had training, holidays, vacation or sick leave. He wasn't necessarily looking to increase any additional hours of coverage. No formal action but a consensus of the council that it was fine for the Chief to increase the part time officer pool.

V. Executive Session - Attorney/Client and Personnel Matters

Motion by Kevin Opat to go into executive session for 20 minutes for attorney client discussions & personnel matters. Second by Brian Adams. Motion carried 5-0-0. The time was 8:15 PM

VI. Adjournment/Recess

Motion by Kevin Opat to recess until 6 PM for a workshop prior to the regular meeting on February 27, 2014. Second by Margaret McCormcik. Motion carried 5-0-0.

The time was 8:35 PM.

Signed: _____
Ed Parker, Mayor

Attest: _____
Laura Hill, City Clerk