

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 26, 2015
7 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Ed Parker called the regular meeting of the Kechi City Council to order at 7:06 PM February 26, 2015

Council present: Kevin Opat, Margaret McCormick and Brian Adams. David McConnaughay was absent & Debbie Jacobs entered the meeting at 7:15 PM

Staff Present: Robert Conger, City Administrator; Ben Winters, City Attorney; Laura Hill, City Clerk; Nicole Alvarado Bailey, Finance Director/Treasurer; John Blevins, Chief of Police;

Visitors Present: David Dinell, Ark Valley News; Jack McCormick, Mark Detter & Dave Malone, Capital States Market

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Brian Adams to approve the consent agenda. Second by Margaret McCormick.

Motion carried 3-0-0. **Consent agenda**

1. **Approve minutes of February 12, 2015**
2. **Approve consultant contract with former City Treasurer, Sally Lane**

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Margaret McCormick to approve the agenda, stating the executive session will be for 15 minutes for the discussion personnel & attorney client privilege. Second by Debbie Jacobs.

Motion carried 3-0-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. PUBLIC FORUM - None

B. KECHI CIVIC GROUPS/COMMITTEES

1. Historical Post Office - None

2. Tree and Park Board – Jack McCormick reported on an interest by the park board for funding of “Zero Scapes” drought tolerant plantings. Tina Seemayer attended a workshop on Friday, February 6th regarding the on xeric plants. The county grant has a maximum award of \$1,000.00, the city would have to make application and buy the plants or seeds, then apply for reimbursement. Deadline to apply is March 20th. Jack asked for authorization for the park board to purchase up to \$1,000.00 of the xeric plants, in hopes of being awarded the grant.

Motion by Kevin Opat to authorize the purchase of up to \$1,000.00 of the xeric plants, in hopes of being awarded the grant. Second by Brian Adams. Motion carried 4-0-0.

3. Chamber of Commerce – None

4. Fair Committee – None

C. Mark Detter, Financial Advisor –Debt Obligation Review

Mr. Detter gave a presentation on the city’s current general obligation debt. (Copy attached to the permanent minutes) Mark has recently accepted a position with the City of Andover as their City Administrator. He introduced Dave Malone, which will act as interim Financial Advisor until the position is filled.

D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Zoning Administrator- None

Director of Public Works –None

Chief of Police – John Blevins, Chief of Police, submitted a written report. He thanked Bob Conger & Kevin Opat for setting in on the oral interview with the new officer applicants. Reminded the council of the Severe Weather Safety Awareness presentation which will be held in the community room on Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30 PM

Finance Director/Treasurer – Nicole Alvarado Bailey, Finance Director/Treasurer; reported that she would like to hold a revenue workshop relating to the 2016 Budget on April 30th 6-8 PM.

City Clerk- reported that she would present the marquee sign bids at the next meeting.

City Council- Deb Jacobs asked about the Strategic Planning workshop on March 14th. Bob Conger confirm that the workshop would be the Saturday, March 14th from 8:30 to Noon.

Mayor - None

City Administrator – Robert Conger, presented a written report. Asked for authorization for the Mayor to sign a letter supporting proposed legislation with regards to economic development within established arts and cultural districts. He said the legislation goes hand & hand with the comprehensive plan for the city.

Motion by Kevin Opat to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter in support of the House Bill 2368 concerning economic development; relating to the establishment of arts and cultural districts. Conger, asked to hold a workshop prior to the next meeting at 6PM for a presentation from representatives from REAP & WAMPO, sharing their roles and responsibilities. Asked that the meeting tonight be recessed until 6 PM on March 12th.

III. OLD BUSINESS-None

IV. NEW BUSINESS-None

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION – personnel matters & attorney client privilege

Motion by Brian Adams to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters & attorney client privilege. Second by Debbie Jacobs. Motion carried 4-0-0. The time was 8:15 PM

Motion by Brian Adams to authorize longevity pay for the Director of Public Works and to increase his pay to a level 7 step 10 on the pay scale. Second by Margaret McCormick. Motion carried 4-0-0.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kevin Opat to recess the meeting until March 12th at 6 PM. Second by Margaret McCormick. Motion carried 4-0-0. The time was 8:35 PM

Signed: _____
Ed Parker, Mayor

Attest: _____
Laura Hill, City Clerk