

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES & WORKSHOP
Thursday, February 27, 2014

Mayor, Ed Parker; reconvened the meeting that was continued February 13, 2014. The meeting was continued until this evening for a council workshop at 6 PM

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

Staff Present: Robert Conger, City Administrator; Sally Lane, City Treasurer; John Blevins, Chief of Police; Laura Hill, City Clerk;

The council discussed the 3 lots that the city purchased at the Sheriff's sale in August. The lots were sold due to delinquent special assessments. Discussed talking to the developer of Northwood's regarding the residential lot. Discussed the properties in the Snowbird development & what the intent of the owners were with regard to the remaining properties in the development.

Motion by David McConnaughay to adjourn the reconvened meeting of February 13, 2014. Second by Debbie Jacobs. Motion carried 5-0-0. The time was 6:55 PM

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 27, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Ed Parker; called the regular meeting of the Kechi City Council to order, the time was 7:00 PM.

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

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

Visitors Present: Keith Lane, Sandra McConnaughay, Matt Heilman, Ark Valley News; Earl Herren, EMC, Insurance.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kevin Opat to approve the consent agenda. Second by Brian Adams. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Consent agenda

1. Approve minutes of February 13, 2014.

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Kevin Opat to approve the agenda deleting the executive session from the agenda. Second by Margaret McCormick. 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 that the city has been awarded the designation of Tree City USA. There will be a recognition event on Wednesday March 26th with a tour of Botanica for \$25 per person & the awards ceremony on the 27th is free of charge and will be held at Derby City Hall. Requested an expenditure of up to \$125 to allow the park board members to attend.

Motion by Margaret McCormick to authorize up to \$125 for the registration fee for any park board member to attend the Botanica Tour. Second by Debbie Jacobs. Motion carried 5-0-0.

3. Chamber of Commerce- none

4. Fair Committee – none

C. EARL HERREN, EMC INSURANCE

Earl Herren, EMC Insurance presented the council with the Insurance Premiums for the renewal on April 1 2014. He spoke to the issue of his tenure with the city, stating he had been the city's agent for over 10 years. Before he was the city's agent he worked with the city agent Myron Danner. He said he knew another agent was trying to get the city's business and he asked that the city be fair in their consideration of him. Discussed the 2014 proposed quote.

D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-Provided a written report

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

CHIEF OF POLICE-Provided a written report. Also reminded everyone about the Storm Spotters Training on March 4th at 6:30 PM at the community room

TREASURER

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

COUNCIL

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - reported the IT people were out to look at channel 7 to help get it up and running. Discussed the retreat to be held on Saturday March 8th at Fulton Farms.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Council Retreat Facilitator

Motion by Kevin Opat to approve the agreement for the facilitation of the retreat by WSU in the amount of \$805.00. Second by Debbie Jacobs. Motion 5-0-0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. KDOT Redesignation of 61st/Woodlawn –discussion but no action taken. Request to bring back at a future meeting.

B. Probation Policy – New Employees Discussion of the need to have some sort probationary period for newly hired employees. Robert Conger, City Administrator suggested 90 days.

Motion by Brian Adams to add a probationary period of 90 days to the personnel policy with regard to newly hired employees. Second by David McConaughay. Motion carried 5-0-0.

V. Adjournment

Motion by Brian Adams to adjourn. Second by Margaret McCormick. Motion carried 5-0-0.

The time was 8:40 PM.

Signed: _____
Ed Parker, Mayor

Attest: _____
Laura Hill, City Clerk