

KECHI CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP & MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 12, 2015
6 PM

REAP & WAMPO Workshop

Prior to the regular City Council Meeting, a workshop regarding the roles and responsibilities of the REAP (Regional Economic Area Partnership) and WAMPO (Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) was held. Mayor Parker reconvened the meeting of February 26th back to order as that meeting had been recessed until 6PM tonight for the workshop.

Kelly Bergerson, Executive Director presented a brief overview of REAP.

Kristen Zimmerman, Executive Director; presented an overview of the role of WAMPO.

Motion by Brian Adams to adjourn at 7:00pm. Second by Kevin Opat. Motion carried 5-0-0

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Ed Parker called the regular meeting of the Kechi City Council to order at 7:00 PM March 12, 2015

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

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

Visitors Present: Sandra McConnaughay, David Dinell, Ark Valley News; Jack McCormick, Virginia Riemann, Betty Washington, Naomi Fultz, Richard Wolf, Rick Garrett

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

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Brian Adams to approve the agenda with the executive session to be for 10 minutes. Second by Debbie Jacobs. Motion carried 5-0-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. PUBLIC FORUM - None

B. KECHI CIVIC GROUPS/COMMITTEES

1. **Historical Post Office** – Richard Wolf that they plan to get started with the siding in the spring.
2. **Tree and Park Board** – Jack McCormick said the group will continue with the porta potty in the park for April thru October. Discussed the xeriscape project for west of the old post office.
3. **Chamber of Commerce** – Virginia Riemann reported the Chamber has 7 new members for a total of 38. The home show was successful. The Chamber plans to host the Sloppy Joe Fund Raiser again for the Friday night of the Kechi Fair & reported the farmers market would begin the first Thursday in June.
4. **Fair Committee** – None

C. Virginia Riemann-Commercial Development- Virginia Riemann reported that she and her husband had recently purchased the land formally known as the boardwalk. They are in the process of getting the land platted and hope to build an area for a restaurant & shop space. She requested a waiver of fees associated with a variance, the site plan and final plat for small tracts.

Motion by Kevin Opat to authorize the waiving of the fees associated with the variance, site plan & plat for small tracts. Second by Brian Adams. Motion carried 5-0-0.

D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Zoning Administrator- None

Director of Public Works –None

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

Finance Director/Treasurer – Nicole Alvarado Bailey, Finance Director/Treasurer; submitted a written report and reported that the auditors have been here this week.

City Clerk- Laura Hill, City Clerk reported that she felt the audit went well with the new accounting program.

City Council- Margaret McCormick commended the maintenance department with the recent snow removal. Kevin Opat asked about the repair of the dip on 61st N.

Mayor - None

City Administrator – submitted a written report.

III. OLD BUSINESS-none

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. City Hall Marquee Sign

Laura Hill, City Clerk presented 4 bids & concepts for a marquee sign in front of City Hall. The sign has been planned since moving into the building in 2005, however budget constraints prevented the purchase. She recommended the sign from George Lay signs in the amount of \$36,585.00 for the 7X3.5 sign, stating it fit within the amount budgeted for the sign. Stated there may be some additional costs as the project will use leftover brick and rock from the building & there may need to purchase additional rock or brick if we do not have enough. Also the city is responsible for bringing the electric to the site. There was discussion of the size of the sign. Council indicated they would rather have the large sign & suggested staff measure Park City's and Valley Center's signs. They didn't want to go to big but didn't want to go to small either.

Motion by Margaret McCormick to authorize the quote from George Lay signs for up to \$40,358 (depending on the findings of the measuring of the other city signs) for the 8 X 3.5 size sign. Second by Debbie Jacobs. Motion carried 5-0-0.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION-Attorney Client/Personnel Matters

Motion by Debbie Jacobs to go into executive session for 10 minutes for the discussion of personnel matters. Second by David McConaughay. Motion carried 5-0-0. The time was 8:05 PM

Motion by Kevin Opat to authorize the hiring of Clarence Lundry as full time police officer at a level 3 Step 5 on the pay plan and to begin work no earlier than March 29th. Second by Margaret McCormick. Motion carried 5-0-0.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brian Adams to adjourn at 8:15PM. Second by David McConaughay Motion carried 5-0-0.

Signed: _____
Ed Parker, Mayor

Attest: _____
Laura Hill, City Clerk