

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 26, 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 March 26, 2015

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

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; Curtis Zerr, Z Insurance; Dustin Avey, Piper Jaffray

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Consent agenda

1. Approve minutes of March 12, 2015

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Margaret McCormick to approve the agenda, stating the executive session will be for 5 minutes for the discussion personnel & attorney client privilege. Second by David McConnaughay. Motion carried 5-0-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. PUBLIC FORUM - None

B. KECHI CIVIC GROUPS/COMMITTEES-None

C. Curtis Zerr, Z Insurance – Presented a summary of the liability insurance renewal. Stating the across the board increase from EMC was 4%. Negotiated a reduced work comp policy renewal. Also stated he added deductibles to the policy to reduce the overall cost of premiums to the city.

III. INTRODUCTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

A. DUSTIN AVEY, PIPER JAFFRAY & CO

Robert Conger, City Administrator introduced Dustin Avey, Piper Jaffray Co. for conformation as the city's new financial advisor. Conger stated that Dustin was chosen after several were interviewed. Robert reminded the council of Mark Dettter's formal financial advisor recent change in jobs, leaving the city with the opportunity to explore it options with other companies.

Motion by Kevin Opat to approve the City Administrator's recommendation to hire Dustin Avey, Piper Jaffray as the city's financial advisor.

Mr. Avey spoke briefly to the council and thanked them for the opportunity to work with the city. He hopes to devise a financing plan for the city for future projects and goals. He will assist with the revenue workshop on April 30th.

III. OLD BUSINESS-None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Backflow testing fee increase – Robert Conger, City Administrator requested the fee the city charges for Backflow testing be increased to \$100. Conger, stated that he did not feel the city needed to be in

competition with the Sprinkler Service Companies. They researched the fee the service companies charged and it was in the \$35 to \$65 range. The city currently is charging \$40.

Motion by David McConnaughay to increase the backflow inspection fee to \$100. Second by Margaret McCormick. Motion carried 5-0-0.

B. Authorization for Mayor to sign real estate agreement due to city's agent Dwight Boyce changing agencies.

Motion by David McConnaughay to table the real estate agreement until April 9th meeting. Second by Debbie Jacobs. Motion carried 5-0-0.

(This item was tabled so that the attorney could see if the previous agency agreement had a clause regarding a percentage of sale after their agent has left the company. The old agreement was not readily available at the meeting.)

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION – personnel matters & attorney client privilege

Motion by Debbie Jacobs to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters & attorney client privilege. Second by Debbie Jacobs. Motion carried 5-0-0. The time was 7:55 PM

Motion by Debbie Jacobs to authorize a pay plan increase for James Grow to a level 2 step 16. Second by David McConnaughay. Motion carried 5-0-0.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by David McConnaughay to adjourn. Second by Margaret McCormick. Motion carried 5-0-0. The time was 8:05 PM

Signed: _____
Ed Parker, Mayor

Attest: _____
Laura Hill, City Clerk