

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Ed Parker called the regular meeting of the Kechi City Council to order at 7 PM June 26, 2014

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

Staff Present: Robert Conger, City Administrator; Sally Lane, City Treasurer; John Blevins, Chief of Police; Andrew Marino, City Attorney; Laura Hill, City Clerk; Chris Morlan, Zoning & Planning Administrator.

Visitors Present: Matt Heilman, Ark Valley News, Sandra McConnaughay; Len Marotte & Joe Kramer

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 June 12, 2014
2. Approve the Mayor's appointments of the following individuals to the Kechi Planning Commission for a 2 year term: Larry Burk, Dan Clark, Buddy Pressnell
3. Approve the Mayor's appointment to the Site Plan Committee for two year terms: Jeff St. Clair 5/2013 to 5/2015 & Clemet Rasmussen 5/2014 to 5/2016

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Margaret McCormick to approve the agenda & for the executive session to be for 30 minutes for the discussion of personnel matters and attorney client privilege, moving it up under the Civic Group section of the agenda & add A T & T cellular tower lease under New Business. Second by Kevin Opat. Motion carried 5-0-0

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. PUBLIC FORUM-None

B. KECHI CIVIC GROUPS/COMMITTEES –none

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matters & Attorney Client Privilege

Motion by Debbie Jacobs to go into executive session for 30 minutes for the discussion of personnel matters & attorney client privilege for 30 minutes and to include the City Administrator, City Attorney, Mayor and council. Second by Brian Adams. Motion carried 5-0-0. The time was 7:10 PM

D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Zoning Administrator – Chris Morlan, Zoning Administrator presented a report on a zoning change application that was heard by the Kechi Planning Commission on June 10, 2014.

The zoning change was for property located at the west side of Rock Rd. and north of Hwy 254, known as the Rock Pointe Subdivision, having 49 lots in Phase I. Currently zoned R-1 single family residential. The applicants request the change to R-2 Multiple Family Residential District. The plan for the property is to develop with multifamily duplexes. There was lengthy discussion from the council regarding the duplexed and if they would be owned or leased. Mr. Marotte stated they would be managed properties and the management company would own the lots and units. Most of the units would lease for \$1,200 to \$1,300 monthly. Mr. Marotte stated

that when the lots were sold to Ashley Lane LLC the back specials due on the lots would be caught up.

Motion by Kevin Opat to adopt Ordinance 1666-14 changing the zoning classification from R-1 single family residential to R-2 Multi Family Residential District. Second by Brian Adams.

Motion carried 5-0-0

Chief of Police – John Blevins, Chief of Police; reported that all his employees have met their in service training hours for the year and they would start over in July for the next year.

City Treasurer – Sally Lane, City Treasurer; briefly discussed the 2015 Budget and stated the city had received the city evaluation numbers. Had e-mailed the council the “work in progress budget” and will update and have paper copies for the next meeting.

City Administrator – Robert Conger, City Administrator; submitted a written report.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. WSU contract with Ken Kriz

Robert Conger, City Administrator presented the contract with WSU that the council had previously adopted on January 23, 2014 for a water service study. The language was modified slightly but did not change the scope of the study. The changes were highlighted and given to the council for their approval.

Motion by Kevin Opat to adopt the modified language in the contract with Dr. Ken Kriz, WSU. Second by Margaret McCormick. Motion carried 4-1-0 Debbie Jacobs voting nay.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Intern assistance for City Hall

Robert Conger, City Administrator reported that he and the city clerk had interviewed an applicant from the WSU work co-op. Her name is Taylor Dagenais and he recommended hiring her as the city’s administrative intern and for her to begin working July 1st.

Motion by Margaret McCormick to authorize the City Clerk to fill the position of Intern. Second by Kevin Opat. Motion carried 5-0-0.

B. Employment agreement for City Administrator

Kevin Opat recommended the council approve a new employment agreement with Robert Conger as City Administrator for 2 years, to serve at the pleasure of the city council.

Motion by Kevin Opat to approve the employment agreement with Robert Conger as City Administrator for 2 years. Second by Brian Adams Motion carried 5-0-0.

C. A T & T Tower Lease

Robert Conger, City Administrator reported to the council that the city has been contacted by a consultant working for A T & T to renegotiate the city’s cellular tower contract. The proposed change is a reduced monthly rate for the lease. He has shared the proposal with the city attorney and city staff. Currently the city receives \$1,290.00 per month for the lease of space for the A T & T antenna’s on the old water tower. A T & T is suggesting that is more than the average for the area. Mr. Conger stated he did not know if that was the case but felt the city should hear them out. He will bring back his findings at a future meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Brian Adams to adjourn. The time was 9 PM. Second by Debbie Jacobs. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Signed: _____
Ed Parker, Mayor

Attest: _____
Laura Hill, City Clerk