

## KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 24, 2014

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Ed Parker called the regular meeting of the Kechi City Council to order at 7 PM April 24, 2014

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

Staff Present: Robert Conger, City Administrator; Sally Lane, City Treasurer; John Blevins, Chief of Police; Laura Hill, City Clerk; Andrew Marino, Gilliland & Hayes Law Firm

Visitors Present Jeff Fawcett & Mark Ceresa, Waste Connections, Scott Dunakey PEC, Jack McCormick, Stephanie Evans, KABC, Matt Heilman, Ark Valley News, Sandra McConnaughay Richard & Cindy Wolf.

#### A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion by** Deb Jacobs to approve the consent agenda. Second by Margaret McCormick...  
Motion carried 5-0-0.

##### Consent agenda

1. Approve minutes of April 24, 2014
2. Adopting the Mayor's Arbor Day Proclamation for April 25, 2014

#### C. APPROVE AGENDA

**Motion by** Kevin Opat to approve the agenda" with the addition of Twenty minutes time allocated" to the Executive Session. Second by Deb Jacobs. Motion carried 5-0-0

### II. COMMUNICATIONS

#### A. PUBLIC FORUM-

Stephanie Evans, President of the Kechi Arts & Business Council spoke to the City Council about the Application for Recognition of Exemption under section 501(c)(3). She informed the Council the paperwork was complete and ready to file but the filing fee was \$400, with an additional \$40. The group did not have any money for these fees and would like to know if the City could assist with those fees to get the paperwork filed.

**Motion by Brian Adams to support the KABC for the filing fees pending the Mayor, City Administrator and Attorney Marino reviewing papers of application. Kevin Opat seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

#### B. Council reviewed the WAMPO letter from County Commissioner Jim Skelton

#### C. KECHI CIVIC GROUPS/COMMITTEES

1. Historical Post Office Update –None
2. Tree and Park Board –Jack McCormick presented Mayor Parker with a Tree City USA hat. He asked for approval to purchase for the Park from Hillside Nursery, three pear trees to replace the ones that have died at a cost of \$30 each.  
**Motion by Kevin Opat to purchase the three pear trees at \$30.00 each. David McConnaughay seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0**
3. Chamber of Commerce- none

#### 4. Fair Committee –none

**D.** Jeff Fawcett & Mark Ceresa from Waste Connections presented the Council with a check for \$16,896.00. Fawcett explained that after our account was audited it was apparent that the fuel charge had been assessed to the account and according to the contract should not have been.

**E.** Scott Dunakey with PEC presented a brief slide show on Visions, Goals & Objectives a major component of a comprehensive plan and a guide to future development. He answered questions from the Council. Informed them that a public meeting will be held on May 15 at the 101 Club on 101<sup>st</sup> Street N. Info will be posted on Facebook and the Web.

#### **F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Director of Public Works-Larry Kallenberger** told Council he had a visit from a KDHE inspector and that the Brush pile was closed at this time. The pile will have to be sorted and non-burnable items will have to be hauled away. The only allowable burning materials are branches and tree limbs. . A state permit and a county permit will be required to burn the brush. He also submitted 3 bids for the purchase of a tractor to replace the 20+ years one now in use. Two bids are Kubota 4WD Cab tractor with a rear mower and a front Loader bucket, the third is a Ford/New Holland. A trade in of \$9,700, will be allowed.

Kallenberger recommended the option least expensive with Price Bros Equipment, and the trade in of the old tractor.

Motion by Kevin Opat to purchase the Kubota tractor with mower and attachments for \$42, 869.00, A second from Brian Adams. Motion carried 5-0-0

#### **Chief Blevins submitted a brief report.**

**Council** – Councilman Opat will not be at the May 8 meeting. He was inquiring about a pothole on North Woodlawn and who will fix it before it gets worse.

**City Administrator** – submitted a written report. He also added that he had been on vacation and the notice about animals had not gotten placed in the mailing of the bills for which he apologized. Notice had been placed in the Lamp.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS- None**

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** by Deb Jacobs to go into Executive session for 20 for Attorney Client Privilege after a 5 minute break David McConnaughay seconded. Time was 8:24 p.m.

Returned 8:46

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2012International Fire Code Adoption Ordinance 1663-14- This ordinance will modify the following amendment to Code Section 7-101. Sedgwick County has adopted the 2012 International Fire Code with amendments.

**Motion** by Brian Adams to adopt Ordinance 1663-14 modifying the Kechi City Code and pertaining to the adoption of the “International Fire Code” 2012 Edition. Margaret McCormack seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**B. Vacation of Easement- Subdivision/Zoning Administrator Chris Morlan presented a Vacation Order # VAC2014-01 for property at 2300 E. Tigua Street. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 8<sup>th</sup> after public notice was given on March 13, 2014 in the Ark Valley News. No private rights will be injured or endangered by the vacation of 5 feet of the utility easement. An additional 5 feet to the east of the existing 10 foot drainage easement & utility easement on the west side of Lots 6 & 10 Block A., Northpoint Centre to make a 20 foot easement. Asking for Council to authorize the Mayor to sign vacation order at which time a certified copy of this order to the Register of Deeds will be made by the City Clerk.**

Motion by Margaret McCormack to authorize Mayor Parker to sign the Vacation Order VAC2014-01 to property located at 2300 E. Tigua Street, Lots 5 & 11, Block A, Northpoint Centre. Deb Jacobs seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0

**C. Transfer of Service; Agreement between Sedgwick County Rural Water District 1 and the City of Kechi. Kechi has been negotiating on service to the property owned by Brad Young and annexed by the city and requesting water service.**

Motion by Kevin Opat and a second by David McConnaughay to approve the Agreement with the Rural Water district for transfer of the right to serve certain territory within the Water District to allow for City water service to that territory.

Vote; Aye; Adams, McCormick, McConnaughay, Opat. ; Nay; None; Abstain; Jacaobs.

**D. Departmental Spending Limits- Robert Conger asked to not address this at this time until he had an opportunity to work with staff coming up with suggestions for limits.**

**I. Adjournment/Recess**

**Motion by Kevin Opat to adjourn. The time was 9:25 PM. Second by Margaret McCormack. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ed Parker, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Hill, City Clerk