

City of Keo Minutes from September 25, 2023

Mayor White started the meeting at 7:00 PM

Those present: Mayor Stephanie White, Recorder/treasure Clara Hughes, Alderman David Lanehart, Dave Sharp, and Randy Hudkins were present. There were two council members absent.

No guests present.

Minutes for August 2023 meeting were approved with Hudkins making the motion with a 2nd by Sharp with all in agreement.

City Financials = August 2023 financials were looked over & discussed Lanehart made a motion to approve with a 2nd by Sharp with all approving these financials.

Water Financials= August 2023 water financials were discussed with a motion made by Hudkins with a 2nd by Lanehart with all in favor.

No water report was given this month.

There were two water accounts that had leaks within the last month. Account #'s 11 used 13,150, Acct# 195 used 18,390 the council voted to cut the water portion in half. Hudkins made the motion with a 2nd by Lanehart all were in agreement. The customers showed proof of repairs for these leaks.

Fire Chief David Busick was present and gave his monthly report for the Volunteer fire department.

No constable report was given.

Mayor White went over old business concerning the Arrowhead broadband & said they are waiting for the electricity to be hooked up to test their equipment to see if it will run properly for those who live in the center of town. Once that is tested they will get a permit to go across highway 165 to start the process of putting in the broadband for the other parts of town.

The Mayor read the rules for ordinances stating they have to be read 3 times unless 2/3rds of the council shall dispense of the rules. The council voted to allow the ordinance to be read one time. A motion has to be made stating such. After a discussion Randy Hudkins made the motion for the ordinance to be read one time & to allow subsequent readings to be read by title only with a 2nd by David Lanehart and motion was made unanimously.

Mayor White read to the council Ordinance No. 2023-09-25 it is an ordinance to establish an arts & entertainment district for the city of Keo, Arkansas and for other purposes. This ordinance was approved by the council with Randy Hudkins making the motion with a 2nd by Dave Sharp with all in agreement.

Mayor White wanted to discuss bond counsel & procurement for Engineering. ANRC has two requirements for the city and the engineer had called advising the mayor to talk to the council about these items.

The council voted to use FRIDAY, ELDEREDGE & CLARK to use for Bond counsel to handle all legal actions as required by ANRC for loan closing, bonds and rate ordinances. Lanehart made the motion to use Friday, Elderedge & Clark with a 2nd by Sharp with all in agreement.

A motion was made by the council to use AL Franks as the procurement for engineering Services for ANRC water projects. Hudkins made that motion with a 2nd by Lanehart with all in agreement.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 PM with David Lanehart making the motion with a 2nd by Randy Hudkins with all in agreement.

Mayor Stephanie White

Recorder/treasure Clara J Hughes