***KEO CITY COUNCIL MEETING June 27, 2022***

Mayor White called the May 23, 2022 city council meeting to order @ 7:00 PM. Those present: Mayor Stephanie White, Recorder/treasure Clara J. Hughes, & council members: David Lanehart, Jerry Morton, Chris Collins, Randy Hudkins and Lynda Staton. There were 5 guests present.

Mayor White asked the council to not go in normal order to allow guests to speak first. She gave a brief description that she had received a couple phone calls complaining that two homes were not being sprayed for mosquitos but they were still being charged. Linda Jones spoke saying she wanted her home to be sprayed and that she was in the city limits and she felt that the spraying does help some and she did not want a refund she just wanted hers and her daughters home sprayed. David Lanehart made a motion to add these two homes back to the mosquito route with a second by Jerry Morton and the motion passed with all in agreement.

Mayor White then asked to go back in to normal meeting order and asked Recorder/treasure to read the minutes. After Recorder Treasure Clara Hughes read the May minutes Mayor White asked to make a correction for the heating & air maintenance contract that the amount was $281 for city hall building Plus 173 for fire department this is to have both units serviced yearly . Lynda Staton made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction for the service contract with a 2nd by David Lanehart with all in agreement.

***There was not a July or August council meeting***.

The council looked over the May 2022 city financials after looking these financials over Morton made a motion to accept all the financials with a 2nd by Staton and the motion passed unanimously.

The May 2022 water & sewer financials were presented to the council after a discussion on these financials Lanehart made a motion to accept these financials with a 2nd by Staton with all in agreement of these water financials with one abstention.

Mayor White presented three bids from J&R contractors, Heller Company Inc., Horseshoe construction. These bids were for Oak Street Sewer and WWTP improvement project. This bid had to be rebid due to the previous bid only having one single bidder. The bids had been tabulated by A.L. Franks and Horseshoe Construction; Inc. is the low bidder for the proposed project. They had checked references and received good reviews. After discussion on these bids by the council Lanehart made a motion to accept the bid from Horseshoe Construction and the recommendations from A.L. Franks with a 2nd by Hudkins with all in agreement with 1 abstention.

Mayor White brought to the council that the automatic 2 % increase for the next 3 years for water rates is time to increase from $16.78 for the first one thousand and take it to $17.12 and for every thousand after it would take it from $8.95 to $ 9.13 for every thousand used after. She also informed the council the current sewer rate is $9.67 per thousand and the 2% increase would raise it to 9.86.

The water report was given by Chris Collins stating that there had been a bad leak on Pine Street that was going to be repaired.

No Fire report or Constable report was given at this time.

Mayor White gave an update on applying for the ARPA 100 % grants and asked the council to approve a resolution to repair our 550 ft of sewer lines in our city. Mayor White then read Resolution June 27, 2022 water & sewer 2022-06-27-water/sewer to give the mayor permission to move forward to apply for grants for fixing the water sewer lines. Morton made the motion to accept this resolution as read with a 2nd by Staton with all in agreement.

Mayor White read Metro Plan Resolution 2022-6-27 A to join their plan for full membership. After reading this resolution Hudkins made a motion to accept this resolution with a 2nd by Collins with everyone in agreement.

Mayor White brought to the council a water bill from account # 185 with a leak that is actually on the city. She asked the council if they would reduce the water amount 12,370 gallons of water and charge the minimum due. Morton made a motion to charge the minimum with a 2nd by Staton with all in favor with one abstention. Acct# 185 water usage was 13,370 reduce it down to the minimum and reducing 12,370 gallons off this usage amount and charge the customer the minimum since this is not on them its on the city.

Mayor gave an update on the Accelerate Arkansas Program concerning Broadband problems and she has started a broadband work group that is volunteers working on helping our city get a better service for our area.

Mayor White reminded council that it is election time and to get signatures and papers are due from August 3rd thru August 10th.

Mayor for summer purposes she asked could the council cancel the July 25th meeting and Lynda Staton made a motion to skip this meeting with a 2nd by Chris Collins with all in favor.

Mayor White asked the council to consider spending money to shade the new playground equipment that is coming soon. Randy Hudkins made a motion to allow Mayor White to spend up to $1500.00 for a roof for the new playground equipment that is coming in with the Fun Park Grant money with a 2nd by David Lanehart and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor White also wanted to put a Thank you out to Steel Magnolias/ Shannon Hudkins for donation all the pictures she did for city hall. She stated that the pictures are great and preserves the city’s history for many years to come.

Mayor White wanted to remind everyone the next meeting would be August 22nd at 7 PM. She also stated she would send out reminders to everyone concerning the election forms.

At 8:11 PM Lanehart made a motion to adjourn this June 27th, 2022 meeting with a 2nd by Staton and the motion passed with all in agreement.

Mayor Stephanie White Recorder Treasure Clara J. Hughes

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