

Keo City Council Meeting January 27, 2025

There was not a meeting for November & December 2024.

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

Members present: Mayor Stephanie White, Recorder/treasurer Clara Hughes, and Alderman: Chris Collins, David Lanehart, Dave Sharp, Lynda Staton and Randy Hudkins.

Guests: 1 present

Minutes were given to the council: A motion to accept the minutes was made by Randy Hudkins with a 2nd David Lanehart with all in favor.

October, November, December 2024 City financials presented to the council. A motion to accept these 3 months of 2024 city financials was made by Randy with a 2nd by Chris Collins with all in agreement.

Keo water & sewer October, November, & December 2024 financials were presented to the council and a motion was made by David Lanehart with a 2nd by Lynda Staton and the motion passed unanimously.

John Bruhl gave a monthly report to the councilman.

New Business

Mayor White asked the council if they wanted to increase the amounts for the charge for mosquito spraying. After a discussion Randy Hudkins made the motion to increase from \$8 dollars to \$ 10.00 and the trash to stay at \$11 dollars a month.

The 2025 Proposed budget was presented to the council after a discussion on this budget there were a few changes to be done to this budget. David Lanehart made the motion to cancel paying the \$ 250 a month to EASI due to budget cuts to cover other expenses with a 2nd by Dave Sharp with a everyone in agreement. Treasure Clara Hughes said she would send a letter informing EASI of this budget change.

Randy Hudkins made the motion to accept the 2025 proposed budget with the changes. These changes include the following: ***Raise the amounts for First electric income to be \$ 8600.00 and to increase the income for Lonoke County taxes to \$13,500.00 and mosquito spraying payback to \$14,500.00, increase the IRS to the amount of \$6000.00, removing EASI's \$ 3000.00, office supplies lower to \$1000.00, increasing mosquito spraying to \$ 18,000.00, change training to \$ 1000.00, lowering community involvement to \$3000.00, adding appropriated funds to be given in the amount of \$ 25,000.00 to the water department to cover the payroll for the water superintendant. The 2nd was made by Lynda Staton with the motion passing unanimously. Treasure Hughes said she would make the corrected changes and send to all the council members by email.***

After this discussion Mayor White read Resolution 1-2025-28 Proposed Budget to the council after reading Lynda Staton made the motion to approve this resolution with a 2nd by Dave Sharp with all in favor.

Mayor White read Ord. # 2025-01-27 an ordinance permitting Mayor Stephanie White to contract with the Town of Keo. Lynda Staton made the motion to accept the ord. with a 2nd by Chris Collins with all in agreement of this ordinance. She is licensed & qualified to do this position.

The council looked over the 2025 Keo water & sewer budget after looking this budget over Chris Collins made the motion to accept the proposed budget with the proposed change to add the \$ 25,000.00 for the water super intendment with a 2nd by David Lanehart with all in favor.

The 2023 Water & sewer audit was presented to the council. Mayor White read all the findings after reading & discussing these findings.

Lanehart made the motion to accept the 2023 audit with a 2nd by Sharp with all in agreement.

No fire report was given.

No Constable report.

Mayor White presented to the council water account # 88 the bill shows 11,430 gallons used; the ½ portion would be 5715.00, Acct# 49 shows 18,567 ½ 9,284 Acct# 77 shows 25,312 ½ 12,656. Acct# 56 shows 6698 ½ 3349 and acct # 184 15,558 and after a brief explanation of how this customer should not have been charged for this large usage because it was on the city because of a water loop problem , after a discussion the council agreed to just bill the customer for 5,038 with the water loss of 10,520. David Lanehart made the motion to cut Account numbers water portions in half with a 2nd by Hudkins with all in favor. These cuts can only be done once a year.

Old Business:

The mayor asked the council to consider selling the old mosquito truck. After a discussion on this David Lanehart made the motion to sell the tuck for the amount of \$ 1500 dollars with a 2nd by Chris Collins with all in agreement.

David Lanehart made the motion to adjourn at 9:24 PM with a 2nd by Randy Hudkins with all in favor.



Mayor Stephanie White



Recorder/treasure Clara J. Hughes

The meeting for February will be canceled due to several being out during that time.

Next meeting March 24, 2025