

KEO CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 19, 2021

Mayor White called the July 19 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, and Adam Cloninger. There were 5 guests present.

Mayor White asked Andy Franks to speak to the council and give an update on the possible plans for the city of Keo's water distribution improvements. He gave a sheet to all the council members to look over the possible probable cost for this improvement. After a discussion on this Jerry Morton made a motion to allow Mr. Franks authorization to ask again for the money for these improvements with the lowered amount from the first request with a 2nd by Lanehart and the motion was agreed upon by all.

Mayor White then gave information concerning some sink holes around some of the city's sewer lines. And asked the council to consider allowing her to have these lines checked out. The cost to do this is \$8100 dollars for 3 days & to have the clean out truck. Before the city can try to go forward on trying to get funding for this improvement the city first needs a diagnostic of what actual problems we are looking at. She stated she would move forward on getting this done.

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

The June Keo water & sewer financials were presented to the council after a discussion on these financials Collins made a motion to accept these financials with a 2nd by Lanehart with all in agreement.

The water report was given by Chris Collins stating that 7 leaks had to be repaired. And there was one water tap & one sewer tap done.

Generator report was given stating a new battery and 1 new belt had been purchased.

Fire Chief Charles Martin was not able to attend this meeting.

Mayor White also asked the council to consider allowing her to sell the old piece of equipment at last month's meeting and the council asked her to get the paperwork together to discuss at this month's meeting. They discussed the

allowable amount & after agreeing on the minimum amount that they would consider, Mayor White then read the resolution 19 ,2021-101sale to the council and after reading this resolution Lanehart made a motion to accept this resolution with a 2nd by Collins and the motion passed with all in agreement. The council also discussed if this equipment is sold the money would be divided back to the accounts that the money came from to purchase this equipment years ago, water, general, & fire account.

Mayor White informed the council the city is still paying the 250 a month to EASI ambulance service and stated things were still in limbo but she was going to a meeting at Scott fire department and see what they have planned.

The discussion for ditch cleaning was tabled to discuss at next month's meeting.

The discussion on applying for a credit card for the city & the fire department was tabled for next month's meeting.

Mayor White gave an update on the tornado siren stating that it cannot be fixed and asked the council to consider purchasing a new one. She gave two estimates one in the amount \$26,400 out of Arkansas and the other is \$21,250 out of Oklahoma. She talked to CAPDD and discovered there was a 50/50 grant up to 15,000. The council voted on going with the company out of Arkansas amount of \$ 26,400 After a discussion on this Morton made a motion to allow Mayor White to move forward on applying for this grant and accepted the resolution 2021-07-19 that Mayor White read to the council with a 2nd by Lanehart with all in agreement. The council decided when the time comes to pull the money from the general fund to pay for the city's part of this grant for the new storm siren.

Mayor White let the council know that two new copy machines had been purchased for the city and fire department.

Mayor White asked the council to consider purchasing the reflective signs for the homes in Keo, this was tabled until next month's meeting.

She also stated that the mosquito truck had been repaired and the air & u-joints had been replaced and a new hose had to be purchased for the sprayer.

Mayor White asked the council permission to purchase gravel for the railroad going to the lift station stating the amount would be \$350.00 Lanehart made a motion with a 2nd by Collins to all the mayor to order the gravel with all in agreement.

Adam Cloninger turned in his resignation and after the mayor thanked him for his service. The council discussed of adding a new member to the council and after discussion the council advised to run an ad advertising in case someone in the community would possibly interest.

Lanehart made the motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM with a 2nd by Cloninger the motion passed unanimously.