

KEO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 26, 2021

Mayor Stephanie White called the April meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Those present were Mayor Stephanie White, Recorder/Treasure Clara Hughes, and Alderman, Jerry Morton, Adam Cloninger, David Lanehart & Chris Collins. There was one council member absent. There was one guest who attended this meeting.

Mayor White asked recorder/Treasure Hughes to read the minutes from March 15, 2021 public meeting minutes, March 15 meeting, and the special meeting for voting on resolutions on March 25th, Cloninger made a motion to accept these minutes for all these minutes with a 2nd by Lanehart and the motion passed with all in agreement.

The council looked over the city financials for March after looking these financials over a motion was made by Morton to accept these financials with a 2nd by Cloninger & the motion passed unanimously.

The council then looked over the water financials for the city of Keo's water & sewer for March 2021, after a discussion concerning these financials a motion was made by Cloninger with a 2nd by Lanehart, with all in agreement.

Chris Collins gave his monthly water report to the council.

Fire Chief Charles Martin gave his monthly report to the council stating there had been 4 calls within the last month.

Mayor White informed the council the chlorine house is finished.

Constable Tim Collins gave a brief report and said things were really quiet around town.

Mayor White let the council know that Celebrate 501 cleanup day for the city of Keo was starting the first weekend in May. She asked the council to give her an idea of how many times that she should have dumpsters dumped for cleanup. The council discussed this and decided to allow the dumpsters to be dumped twice since the mayor had gotten a sponsorship for part of the fee for the dumpsters. Mayor White stated that she had received a donation of \$500 to go towards the dumpsters.

Mayor White also informed the council that she was still working on getting interest rate lowered on the loan that the city has been paying on for 20 years. Due to the rates being low she was advised that the city of Keo needs to raise the water & sewer rates.

She then read the Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution April 26, 2021-1 to the council after reading this Morton made a motion to accept this resolution with a 2nd by Cloninger with all in agreement.

She then brought up to the council the need to raise the water rates for the city for Keo after a discussion on this, the old rate of \$15.60 was for the first 1000 gallons was the existing rate and the council voted on increase to the amount of \$16.78 for the first 1000 gallons & there after the rate increases by .95 cents per 1000 gallons used. Cloninger made a motion to accept this increase with a 2nd by Morton with all in agreement.

Mayor White asked the council would May 17th be a good day to do the public meeting to discuss raising the sewer rates and all the council agreed that day would work before the actual council meeting.

Mayor let the council know that on June 8, 2021 that special election for Sheriff's tax for Lonoke county jail.

Mayor White asked the council to consider allowing her to start the process to sell the digging machine that is over by the water tower. Council tabled this until next month's meeting to discuss the options of what to do with this equipment.

Cloninger made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:35 PM with a 2nd by Lanehart with all in agreement.