***Keo City Council***

***March 24, 2025***

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:01 and suspended normal order to allow Caleb Mudford to speak giving updates on water repairs & sewer projects. After discussing a couple things concerning the projects the council thanked Mr. Mudford from coming in and giving an update on the projects.

***Members present:*** Mayor Stephanie White, Recorder/treasurer Clara Hughes, Alderman: Dave Sharp, David Lanehart, Lynda Staton, and Randy Hudkins. one council member absent. Two guests present.

Council meeting went back to normal order at 7:23 PM

**Minutes** for January Meeting & February special meeting were presented to the council and Randy Hudkins made the motion to accept the January 2025 minutes with a 2nd by David Lanehart with all in agreement. Motion to accept February special minutes was made by Hudkins with a 2nd by Dave Sharp with all in agreement.

***City Financials-*** January and February city financials were presented to the council Lynda Staton made the motion to accept both months of financials with the corrections with a 2nd by David Lanehart with the motion passing unanimously.

***Keo Water & Sewer Financials -*** January & February financials for water & sewer were presented. The motion was made by Randy Hudkins to accept both months as presented with a 2nd by David Lanehart with all in favor.

No constable or fire report was given.

***New Business***.

Water bill adjustments for:

Acct# 3 usage 15,287 cut in half 7643

Acct# 13 usage 7,224 cut in half 3612

Acct# 112 usage 4,975 cut in half 2488

Acct# 44 usage 11,133 gallons used ½ is 5,577

Acct# 10 usage 6,514 usage cut in ½ 3,257

Acct# 48 usage 9,954 ½ is 4977 these account owners had the necessary repairs to get this water portion cut in half.

This account #33 usage 9,450 and this is 100% on the Keo water & sewer.

Mayor White talked to the council about applying for a $5K Arkansas Tourism Festival advertising Grant, after discussing this grant opportunity for the city, alderman Lynda Staton made the motion to have Mayor White go forwards on this grant with a 2nd by Randy Hudkins with all aldermen were in agreement.

Mayor White also reminded the council of the upcoming cleanup day for May 3rd and asked about dumpsters. Council agreed to do two 20-yard dumpsters for that week to help with city wide clean up.

The discussion was brought to the council by the mayor about purchasing the property next to the city park by the playground. Randy Hudkins felt it was a great idea for the city to purchase in the amount of $ 11,500 plus closing cost for this property with a 2nd by Lynda Staton with all in agreement.

Resolution 2024-06-2024 needed to be amended and after reading the amended changes in the amount of $165,537.96, the mayor then read the new Amended Resolution 2024-06-2024-1A to the council. After the reading Lynda Staton made the motion to accept amended resolution with a 2nd by Hudkins with all in favor.

The discussion about expanding the boundary for the A&E District was brought to the council after a deep discussion on this matter the council voted to table this for a later date.

Mayor White said she is still working on broadband for the entire city for the future and that she is hoping at some point the city could offer this municipally to the town.

Next regular meeting is being changed to Monday April 21, 2025.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:43 PM by David Lanehart with a 2nd by Randy Hudkins with all in favor.