

Minutes for Special Meeting Keo City Council, Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Members Present: Dave Sharp, David Lanehart, Chris Collins, Lynda Staton and Stephanie White. No guests in attendance.

The Council discussed limits pertaining to annexation. Keo is comprised of 3180 acres and may only annex 10% of our land area, which is 318 acres. Ongoing discussion about annexing the residential area Henderson Road. Mayor White will continue to seek guidance and assistance from Metroplan and AR Municipal League. No motions made.

Discussion about upcoming solar project north of Keo, including inside city limits. Discussed seeking a franchise agreement with Invenergy if the Cities' right of ways are used for transmission lines. Construction expected to start in 2026. No motions made.

Adopt-a-Charger offering to install two chargers near City Hall, at no cost to the City. City would provide electricity but is able to monetize the charges incurred for use of the chargers. City would need to install a WIFI connection on the exterior of the building and the cost is estimated at \$500 by Arrowhead Broadband. Contract with Tesla is handled by the City and are set by the City. Keo is in a charging desert. Mayor White reach out to references provided by Adopt-a-Charger to discuss their experience. As well, to discuss with Adopt-a-Charger to ask about the City of Keo being added to the insurance as a rider on the policy in the event of damage or accident. No motions made.

Discussion surrounding application for the AR Rural Community Grant Program to purchase a drinking fountain, shade sail cloths, planters and flowers for the City Park. There is a \$15,000 match for the \$30,000 grant. The matching funds will be provided by a private donor. Motion made by Lynda Staton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Lanehart, with all present voting in favor to approve Resolution 2025-02-17, AR Rural Community Grant Program.

Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn at 8:03pm by David Lanehart, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Sharp, all unanimously voted in favor.

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Clara Hughes Recorder/Treasurer

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Stephanie White, Mayor