

Keo City Council Meeting September 23, 2024

Meeting stated at 7:00 PM

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

Guests: 1 guest present.

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

August 2024 City financials presented to the council. A motion to accept the August 2024 city financials was made by Lynda Staton with a 2nd by David Lanehart with all in agreement.

Keo water & sewer August 2024 financials were presented to the council and a motion was made by Randy Hudkins with a 2nd by Dave Sharp and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor White presented to the council water account # 199 the bill shows 11,230 gallons used; the ½ portion would be 5,615. Lynda Staton made the motion to cut Acct# 199's water portion in half with a 2nd by David Lanehart with all in favor.

No fire report was given:

Old Business:

Mayor White gave the council an update on offering on the house that is for sale in the city of Keo; they wanted \$13,000.00. The council discussed it and finally made the decision to have the mayor ask if they would take \$ 11,000 counter offer. They would not accept the 11,000.00-offer said they would do \$ 12,000 with splitting the legal fees. The money would be pulled from the General fund if this purchase takes place. The council agreed on this amount with all in favor and asked the mayor to proceed with the legal process.

New Business:

Mayor White gave information on a grant to do a walking trail with lights within the city. The name of the grant is Great Strides and after a discussion on this grant and how it would be a great opportunity for the city, Lynda Staton made a motion for the mayor to proceed on getting the grant paperwork completed with a 2nd by Randy Hudkins with all in agreement.

Mayor White then read Resolution 2024-09-23 to the council. The city will be responsible for 25 years to maintain the walking trail after it's completed, if the city receives the grant. Lynda Staton made the motion to accept Resolution 2024-09-23 (Great Strides Grant) with a 2nd by Randy Hudkins and the motion passed with all five council members in favor of this resolution.

Trunk & Treat will close Main Street down on October 31st. for the community to celebrate Halloween.

The council decided to table voting on the mileage until they see a comparison chart on the last 3 years of the income that was collected from Lonoke County.

Tornado siren update: The handheld is now programmed to activate the tornado siren during a storm away from the fire station. Mayor White asked the council if one of them could help with getting everything completed with Lonoke County to be able to activate siren each Wednesday at noon. David Lanehart volunteered to look into this and see if he can find someone to get this programmed at Lonoke County.

Next council meeting will be October 28th.

David Lanehart *made the motion to adjourn at 8:11 PM with a 2nd by Lynda Staton with all in favor.*

Customer Adjustments for September 2024

Acct 119
18,610 gallons billed
9305 gallons 50%

Acct 87
1871 gallons billed
935 gallons 50%

Acct 111
18,791 gallons billed
9400 gallons 50%