

## **Keo City council meeting**

September 20, 2021

Mayor Stephanie White called the September 20, 2021 meeting of the Keo City council to order at 7:05 PM. Those present were Mayor Stephanie White, Recorder/Treasurer Clara Hughes council members David Lanehart, Chris Collins, Jerry Morton, Lynda Staton, and Ty Johnson. There was 1 guest present at this meeting.

Recorder/Treasurer Clara Hughes read the minutes from the August 2021 meeting after reading these minutes Collins made a motion to accept the minutes with a 2nd by Lanehart with all in agreement and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Statement for the City of Keo August 2021 was reviewed by the city council. Staton made a motion to accept these financials with a 2nd by Lanehart and the motion passed with all in agreement.

Financial Statement for the City of Keo August 2021 Water & Sewer was reviewed by the council after looking these over Johnson made a motion to accept these financials as presented with a 2nd by Collins with all in favor. Water report was given Collins stated that things are improving, sewer pond levee has been temporarily repaired. Collins stated he is starting more training classes soon.

Fire Chief Martin was not available for this meeting. Mayor White informed the council there had been 7 calls within the last month.

Generator update was given by council member Lanehart stating he was still working on getting the generator checked out and would give the council an update once he knew more.

Mayor White gave some updates concerning the grant application for a new storm siren for the city. She stated she was still waiting on the approval letter and will update at next month's meeting.

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Mayor White just wanted to give an update concerning Aristotle Broadband that she is still working on this matter and will give an update when she actually knows more on this matter. Also, she asked the council if they would like for her to talk to First Electric concerning their new broadband service, that is coming to the city of Keo First Electric customers, to see if they possibly could offer something for the Entergy customers. She stated she will see what she can find out and bring information to next month's meeting. She also wanted to give an update concerning the ANRC project stating she was hoping to get an update on this by November.

Mayor White informed the council the digging machine was sold in the amount of \$ 2500.00 to an individual and informed the council it needed to be removed from the City of Keo's asset list. Lanehart made a motion to remove this item from the city of Keo's asset list with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morton with all in agreement.

Mayor White gave an update concerning the draining issue close to the railroad, she stated she had an engineer come out to give a quote and possible options on how to repair this to stop flooding problems. After the engineer looked all this over, he stated it would be best that the city could not afford to do these types of repairs and all the possible steps it could take. The discussion of what the difference of right of way & easement, pertaining to city property and individuals' property, the mayor stated she would go to Lonoke County courthouse to find out more on this.

Lanehart made a motion requesting to go off the record 7:45 with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Collins and all were in favor. After a brief discussion, he then made a motion to resume to the regular meeting at 7:50 with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collins and all were in agreement.

Mayor White asked the council to consider where to appropriated the ARPA funds, after a discussion on this, Staton made a motion to appropriate the \$25,933.34 ARPA FUNDS towards Keo Water & Sewer with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson with all in agreement.

Mayor White then passed out the Keo Water & Sewer audits to the council that were done by Berry & Associates, P.A., she then read to the council the management report and the council then looked over the pages in the audit and discussed options on improving the way we handle book keeping in the future. After discussing this audit, a motion was made by Lanehart to approve this audit with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morton with all in agreement. Mayor White wanted the people of the city of Keo to know a copy of this audit is available in the city hall if anyone would ever like to look at these records.

Mayor White then wanted to ask the council to look over the 2021 Amended Keo Water & Sewer budget with the changes made. After looking this over Morton made a motion to approve this amended budget with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Staton with all in agreement.

Mayor White welcomed the guest to the meeting and asked did she have something to bring to the council and she stated that she had had a leak at her home but had receipts showing the repairs and aske the council could they possibly help with this, after a discussion on this Lanehart made a motion to cut the water portion in half and to waive the late fees for account # 156 and pay it quickly in a timely manner with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson with all agreement. Mayor White then thanked account owner # 156 for coming to the meeting.

Mayor White then asked the council to consider

Lanehart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM with a 2nd by Johnson with all in agreement.

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Mayor Stephanie White

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Recorder/Treasure Clara Hughes