

KEO CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 16, 2021

Mayor White called the August 16th 2021 city council meeting to order @ 7:03 PM. Those present: Mayor Stephanie White, Recorder/treasure Clara J. Hughes, & council members: David Lanehart, Jerry Morton, and Chris Collins. There were 2 guests present.

Mayor started the August council meeting stating she had only one interest in Adam Cloninger's council seat. She informed the council that Lynda Staton had shown interest at this time and the time before, after a brief discussion David Lanehart made a motion to appoint Lynda Staton as the replacement for Cloninger's seat with a 2nd by Chris Collins and all were in favor. Mayor White then asked Lynda Staton to stand and be sworn in as the new council member for the City of Keo's council member.

The council looked over the city July financials after looking these financials over Lanehart made a motion to accept these financials with a 2nd by Collins and the motion passed unanimously.

The July Keo water & sewer financials were presented to the council after a discussion on these financials Lanehart made a motion to accept these financials with a 2nd by Morton with all in agreement. Mayor White stated that the city had been released from the consent order on the water side from Ar. Dept. of health.

Alderman Lanehart asked the mayor if he could speak pertaining to a water customer who have been having larger than normal water bills and asked if there was any way the city could possibly replace this meter to see if it possibly could fix account# 102's above average water bills. Mayor White stated she would have this done as quickly as possible and stated we could look next month to see if there were any changes in this customer's water bill.

The water report was given by Chris Collins stating leaks had to be repaired.

Constable report was given stating another quiet month for the city. Constable Tim Collins stated he helped Lonoke County with the Tour of de Rock.

Generator report was given stating it is still having some problems that is going have to be addressed.

Fire Chief Charles Martin was not able to attend this meeting. Assistant Chief Joey Oliver gave the monthly report to the council stating 2 runs for the last month.

Mayor White read a thank you letter that was in the England Democrat thanking our city volunteer fire department & England fire, for their help with helping with a house fire last month.

Mayor White gave an update on selling the wheeled industrial vehicle and she stated she had only one person who had shown interest. Mayor White also wanted to give an update that there had been some new stop signs added to our city streets. She also stated that the grant for the storm siren has been applied for. She also stated she was still working on Aristotle and will keep the council updated as she finds out more.

Mayor White gave an update on the ANRC water project and gave a wish list of items that need to be done in the future to help the city's water & sewer system.

Mayor White asked the council to consider adopting a resolution and ordinance to apply for National flood insurance plan. She then read Ord. # 2021-08-16 an ordinance providing for the establishment of a flood damage prevention program for the Town of Keo and for other purposes. After reading this ord. to the council Lynda Staton made a motion to accept this ord. # 2021-08-16 Establishment of a flood damage prevention program with a 2nd by Collins with all in agreement.

She then brought to the council Resolution August 16, 2021-flood which assures the Federal Emergency Management Agency that it will enact and necessary and maintain in force after reading this ordinance Lanehart made a motion to approve this ordinance # AUG.16, 2021-FLOOD with a 2nd by Collins with all in favor.

The discussion on the large ditch on the outside of town was brought to the council stating the ditch has now been cleaned out and is flowing correctly again after contacting the business, who had done the work for the neighboring land owner. The mayor wanted to thank them for correcting this matter.

The discussion on applying for a credit card for the fire department was brought to the council, after discussing the reasons and needs for having a card in place for the fire department. Assistant Chief stated that some items they need are online purchases for things that can't be purchased through their operating accounts that are for the fire department. And this allows the volunteers from using their own personal cards for such large amounts and then being reimbursed. The council voted to allow the credit limit to be \$2500 maximum and spending no more than \$ 500 without coming to the council before purchasing for approval by council first.

Mayor White then read ORD. # 2021-08-16A-FIRE CREDIT. After reading this Lanehart made a motion to accept this ordinance with a 2nd. by Morton with all in favor.

Mayor White asked the council about purchasing the reflective house numbers that could help the first responders to find specific locations in the event of a 911 emergency call. After a discussion the council decided to get input from the community before considering purchasing these signs. Possibly doing letters or signs to find out how people feel about having these signs installed on their homes. This will be tabled until next month's meeting.

Morton made the motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM with a 2nd by Lanehart the motion passed unanimously.