**Keo City Council, February 27, 2023**

**Keo City Hall**

**Call to Order**: 2/27/23 @ 7:05pm. Council persons Lynda Staton, Randy Hudkins,

Dave Sharp, David Lanehart, Mayor White and four guests were in attendance.

Suspend Normal Order to allow Metroplan, Bernadette Rhodes to discuss community planning, zoning and the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

**Minutes:** January 2023 minutes were presented. Hudkins made motion to accept minutes as presented, Staton 2nd, passed unanimously.

**City Financials**: Hudkins made motion to accept January 2023 city financials as presented, Lanehart 2nd, passed unanimously.

**Water/Sewer Financials**: Staton made motion to accept January 2023 Water/Sewer financials as presented, Hudkins 2nd, passed unanimously.

**Water & Sewer Department Report**: Mayor White gave report for water pumped 599,700 gal, flush/waste 33,559gal sold 334,060= 38.7% unaccounted for/loss, Leaks/Repairs, Pumps, Boil Order, Well, Sanitary Survey, Meters Exchanged, Sewer: Pond condition, Discharge. Projects/Grants: $357K county ARPA grant (generator-new 4" line Henderson).

**Fire Department Report and Budget**: Chief David Busick and Tyler Busick presented the Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG), status of dept's training hours, ISO rating component info, hydrant maintenance, and Act 833. Budget: Staton motioned to accept 2023 Keo VFD budget as presented, Lanehart second, passed unanimously. Council discussed application for AR Dept of Agriculture, Forestry Division $15,000 loan to replace Truck 2/1986 Ford L9000 Pumper/Tanker truck and to list Truck 2 for sale.

**Constable Report**: no report this month.

**Old Business**:

* Lanehart made motion, 2nd by Hudkins, passed unanimously to exchange Clifford Childress, Contractor to clean Orchard Rd ditch for 1990 International SRECO/Sewer Rodding Truck (purchased 5/16 for $2375) and remove from City asset List. (Work valued @ $4300).
* Hudkins made motion to raise salaries for Recorder/Treasurer and Mayor to $750/month, effective 1/1/23 and reimburse Mayor's mileage the federal mileage rate (0.655), Lanehart second, passed unanimously .

**New Business**:

* Hudkins made motion to hire a Social Media Manager for the next 9 months @ $2700 ($300month), second by Sharp, passed unanimously.
* Hudkins made motion to rent one Porta-john with monthly service for 4 months for play park/community events/cyclists, second by Lanehart, passed unanimously.
* Lanehart made motion to accept estimate for $3675 to move streetlight on Hwy 165 & reconnect existing light on Main St and increase electrical service/outlets beside both gazebos, historic sign and outside FD Hudkins second, passed unanimously.
* Staton made motion to approve water acct adjustments for leaks/past due: Acct 154-drop late charges in order to recoup funds for water/sewer/trash/mosquito: Actual services before cutoff March-December--$910.15 (w/late fees $1608.23). Acct 177-Reduce bill by 4205 gal, Dec leak, Acct 161, reduce bill by 7910 gal for Jan leak. Acct 115 Leak in Dec, reduce bill by 2530 gal, Lanehart second, passed unanimously.
* Sharp made motion to raise trash collection fee to $11 month per customer, Staton second, passed unanimously.
* Council discussed an additional signatory for checks (paychecks and when Mayor not available), Lynda Staton and Randy Hudkins to be added.

**Announcements:**

* Park dedication 3/27/23 at 6pm
* Next regular meeting is scheduled: Monday, March 27th @ 7pm.

**Adjourn:** Lanehart made motion to adjourn, Staton second, passed unanimously.