

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Ashley Velazquez called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Council present: Ashley Velazquez, Todd Hedstrom, Matt Brewer, Brian Adams, Rachel Trumbull, and Richard Haddock.

City staff present: Kamme Sroufe, City Administrator; Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Theresa Morlan, City Clerk; Jessie Woodrow, Chief of Police; Thomas Bevan, Director of Public Works; and Joseph Trumbull, Police Lieutenant.

Guests present: Beth Ann and Ron McKean, Luke Harber, Logan Milleman, Robert Milleman, Curtis Zerr, and Taylor Messick.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Velazquez.

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA No items on Consent Agenda

C. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Richard Haddock to approve agenda. The motion was seconded by Todd Hedstrom and carried 5-0-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Civic Groups/Committees - None

B. Public Forum

Beth Ann McKean, 6434, 6436, 6450 N Hillside, addressed the stormwater charges. She has paid \$500 on her 3 properties but feels she has received no services and want relief from the high fee. She would like to have a report as to why the fees are so high and what they are getting for it. She does appreciate the Police Department for watching the cemetery in which she has seen activities during late night hours.

III. OLD BUSINESS - None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. EMC Insurance – City Administrator (CA) Sroufe introduced Curtis Zerr who addressed what created the 6% increase in the city's policy renewal. He spoke to the low claims filed by the city, but increases in valuation and replacement cost are the main reason for the higher cost. He cited a few items in the policy that still need to be confirmed including cyber insurance, lamp posts and the sign, but those would be minor changes. Addressing a question about cyber insurance, he stated that the insurance would cover costs of communication to residents and damage control.

Motion by Matt Brewer to approve the 2022-2023 Insurance Renewal and authorize the mayor to sign. The motion was seconded by Brian Adams and carried 5-0-0.

B. Police Vehicle Purchase - CA Sroufe presented the request for the purchase of a 2022 Dodge Charger. In the adopted budget, \$32,000 was included for the purchase and upfitting of a patrol vehicle, which had been proposed to be a 2022 Ram 1500 Crew Cab. Due to pricing increasing and availability, the purchase of the 2022 Dodge Charger is a better option, and action is needed quickly to make sure we can take advantage as police rated vehicles are difficult to acquire with current production rates. The purchase price plus upfitting would be \$45,781.93, with \$32,000 coming from the Equipment Reserve

and \$13,781.93 from General Fund Reserve. To help recuperate some of the cost, the 2016 Dodge Charger would be sold at auction, as the dealer would not consider it for trade-in based on its current condition and mechanical issues.

Motion by Richard Haddock to approve the purchase of the 2022 Dodge Charger for \$45,781.93. The motion was seconded by Rachel Trumbull and carried 5-0-0.

- C. **UPOC Statement** – City Attorney, Andrew Kovar, addressed the need for the statement to be signed by the mayor due to recent moratorium by the court for provisions is UPOC regarding advanced ballots. The city would refrain from enforcing the code in question until such time that a final decision has been made by courts. At such time, the city could then amend the ordinance, if needed.

Motion by Matt Brewer to authorize the mayor to sign the UPOC statement. Richard Haddock seconded the motion, which carried 5-0-0.

V. DISCUSSION

- A. **Tyler Upgrade Status** – CA Sroufe reported that our conversion is about 85% complete. Utility Billing and Finances are coming along. City Clerk Morlan added that there are several areas in which we already benefitting from efficiencies most noticeably with payroll, but there is still a learning curve with UB and in financing with some of the reporting options.
- B. **Police Report** – Lt. Trumbull reported that Sgt. Heiar had been nominated for the Axon Award, a national recognition for saving a life. The nomination has been accepted as a finalist. The nomination stems from an incident in April 2021, in which Officer Heiar recognized that the person was suffering from an overdose, administered Narcan, and paramedics were able to revive the person who did recover. Further information regarding the nomination will be forthcoming, so that Sgt Heiar can get the community support needed.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

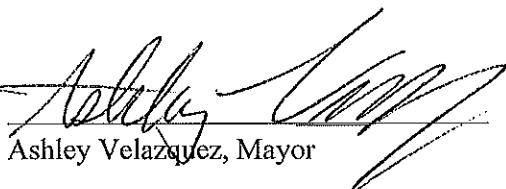
Motion by Brian Adams to go into Executive Session for 15-minutes for Non-elected Personnel with meeting to resume at 7:53pm. The motion was seconded by Todd Hedstrom and carried 5-0-0.

The meeting resumed at 7:53pm, and no binding action was taken.

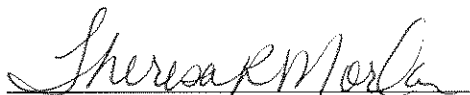
VII. RECESS

Motion made by Brian Adams to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Rachel Trumbull and carried 5-0-0. The time of recess was 7:56pm.

Signed:


Ashley Velazquez, Mayor

Attest:


Theresa Morlan, City Clerk