

KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Ashley Velazquez called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

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: Jennifer Hooten, Bob Jackson, Dewayne & Benita Coffman, and Taylor Messick.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Velazquez.

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda

1. Council Meeting Minutes February 24, 2022
2. Council Meeting Minutes March 10, 2022
3. January 2022 Appropriations Report

Motion by Brian Adams to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Rachel Trumbull and carried 5-0-0.

C. APPROVE AGENDA

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

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Civic Groups/Committees - None

B. Kechi Good News – Mayor Velazquez recognized Kechi Mail Carrier Jennifer Hooten for her excellent service to the residents of Kechi and her upbeat attitude. Mayor also expressed her appreciation to the Park Board for their work to making Kechi a Tree City in 2021. City Clerk, Theresa Morlan read a thank you note received from DCCC. She also reported that a resident called in to thank the public works department for the great job on grading Oak Tree Lane.

C. Gas Safety Survey Drawing – City Clerk Morlan reported that the gas safety information is required to be sent annually, and that the results are analyzed as part of the state’s gas audit. Mayor Velazquez drew David Wells as the winner.

D. Public Forum - None

III. OLD BUSINESS - None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 22-738 – A Resolution to support a state-owned and operated mental health hospital in the Sedgwick County Kansas Region. – City Administrator (CA) Sroufe introduced the resolution, which is expressing support only, and the increased need in the area. There is no legal binding action.

Motion by Matt Brewer to adopt Resolution 22-738 and authorize the mayor to sign. The motion

was seconded by Richard Haddock and carried 5-0-0.

- B. New Planner Position** - CA Sroufe presented the additional position which will be helpful in Building, Zoning and Economic Development. Council asked about how the position would be advertised, and networking with surrounding communities. CA Sroufe said that we may need to make some changes based upon the applicants' qualifications. The intent is for the position to manage processes involved with building, planning, inspections and development.

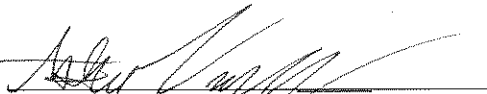
Motion by Richard Haddock to approve the new position for Planner. The motion was seconded by Rachel Trumbull and carried 5-0-0.


V. DISCUSSION

- A. Community Survey** - CA Sroufe reported that the survey being conducted by WSU will go out in April. We have been working with them to develop the survey and ways to promote participation to increase the return rate. Councilmember Adams stated that he would like to review the survey prior to its dissemination.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Rachel Trumbull to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Brian Adams and carried 5-0-0. The time of recess was 7:20pm.

Signed: 
Ashley Velazquez, Mayor

Attest: 
Theresa Morlan, City Clerk