

**KECHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 10, 2019**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor, John Speer called the regular meeting of the Kechi City Council to order. The time was 7 PM

**Council present:** Betty Washington, Brian Adams, David McConnaughay & Margaret McCormick. Kevin Opat was present via Skype.

**Staff present:** Robert Conger, City Administrator; Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Laura Hill, City Clerk; Nicole Bailey, City Treasurer; John Blevins, Chief of Police

**Visitors present:** Taylor Messick, Ark Valley News; Sandra McConnaughay; Liz Basford, Doug Bonnessen; Michelle Gowin, Kechi United Methodist Church

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by** Brian Adams to approve the consent agenda. Second by Betty Washington. Motion carried 5-0-0.  
**Consent agenda**

- 1. Approve minutes of the September 26, 2019 meeting**
- 2. Approve Appropriation Ordinance #754**
- 3. Approve the hiring of Jason DeHaven to fill the open position in the public works department as Maintenance/Utility Operator I Grade 10 Level C**

**C. APPROVE AGENDA**

**Motion by** Brian Adams to approve the agenda. Second by Betty Washington. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**II. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. PUBLIC FORUM - None**

**B. KECHI CIVIC GROUPS/COMMITTEES – None**

**III. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Transfer of City owned property in Rock Pointe Subdivision.** Robert Conger, City Administrator presented that the City of Kechi owns Lot 20, Block 4 in Rock Pointe. The developers of Rock Pointe Phase 2, CCJ, LLC, wish to exchange their ownership of Lot 10 for Lot 20. The exchange better facilitates the developer's objectives. Quitclaim deeds have been prepared. CCJ, LLC has signed a quitclaim deed, conveying Lot 10 to the City of Kechi. The City, in turn, must authorize the conveyance of Lot 20 to CCJ, LLC in return to complete the exchange. One condition of the exchange is the City will reserve Lot 10 as a future park or green space.

**Motion by** Betty Washington to accept the quitclaim deed from CCJ, LLC to the City for Lot 10, Block 4, Rock Pointe; then, sign the quitclaim deed conveying Lot 20, Block 4 to CCJ, LLC, authorizing the mayor to sign. Second by Kevin Opat. Motion failed 2-3-0 with Betty Washington and Kevin Opat voting in favor, and Brian Adams, David McConnaughay and Margaret McCormick opposed.

**B. Erosion Control of City Pond.** Robert Conger, City Administrator reported that the placement of rocks around the City Park pond plays an important role in reducing erosion of its banks. Dredging is a major expense for the City. Without protection of its banks, the pond experiences greater amounts of silting, which requires more frequent dredging. The specified rock sizes will be larger than most of the existing rocks; they are more likely to remain where placed. Kechi Public Works has received proposals from contractors to place rocks around the perimeter of the City Park pond banks. Weed barrier proposals are not being requested.

The bids received were: Commercial Lawn Management for \$33,728.00, Professional Landscaping Services for \$34,231.00, and Tree Top Nursery and Landscaping for \$112,451.45.

**Motion by** Brian Adams to approve acceptance of the proposal by Commercial Lawn Management and not to exceed the amount of \$33,728.00. Second by Margaret McCormick. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**C. Appointment of Acting City Administrator.** Robert Conger, City Administrator recommended that the City Council appoint Nicole Bailey, City Treasurer, to be the Acting City Administrator during the City Administrator's absence for medical reasons.

**Motion by** Brian Adams to approve appointing Ms. Bailey as Acting City Administrator from October 18 to November 11, 2019 during Mr. Conger's medical leave. Second by David McConnaughay. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION- None**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by** Betty Washington to adjourn. Second by Brian Adam. Motion carried 5-0-0. The time was 7:48 PM.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Speer, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Hill, City Clerk