

Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
January 18, 2022

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on January 18, 2022, held at the Kimball County Transit building, 233 S. Chestnut St. Council members Pike, Bright and Warner were present. Also, present was Mayor Prunty, City Administrator Brower, City Attorney Turman, City Clerk Barnwell, and City Treasurer Klassen. The public was represented.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Western Nebraska Observer. Notice of the meeting was given to the members and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is on record at the office of the City Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice and in the notice to the members. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public except as otherwise indicated.

Prunty called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Pike and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: Ingram. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Prunty acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

Prunty asked the council to excuse Ingram from the meeting. An email was received earlier with notification. Warner motioned and seconded by Bright to excuse Ingram from being absent. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Warner, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Ingram. Motion carried.

Prunty opened with the Annual Report for the Kimball Library. Library Director Amber Sweetland was present and presented the Annual Report to the Council members. Library Director Sweetland remarked on key points that the library was successful during the September 2020 – October 2021 fiscal year. She noted that there were 1,524 active user accounts with 142 new user accounts. She also noted that the library services saved the community \$170,670.00.

Prunty opened discussion to approve the purchase and installation of the Vision AMR Metering package. Matthew Shoup presented a demonstration of the Vision monitoring system. It was stated that the AMR Metering package would save approximately 50K – 75K yearly. The Electric meter swap would take approximately 4 weeks and the Water meter swap would take 3 to 4 months. The installers would do an individual tracking system and provide a mass download for the billing system. Warner motioned and seconded by Bright to approve the purchase and installation of the Vision AMR Metering package. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Warner, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Ingram. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to approve modifying employee handbook to follow the State Guidelines on public holidays. City Administrator Brower stated that Arbor Day was the only holiday that was not followed by the State Guidelines. Warner motioned and seconded by Pike to approve modifying employee handbook to follow the State Guidelines on public holidays. On

roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Warner, and Pike. Nay: Bright. Absent: Ingram. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to approve bids for repairs at the Recycling Center. City Administrator Brower stated that EMC Insurance Company provided claim information from the Johnson Construction bid. Brian Johnson explained the process of the repair. Bright motioned and seconded by Pike to approve Johnson Construction for the repairs at the Recycling Center. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Warner, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Ingram. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider options for snow removal equipment expenditures for future needs. Street Superintendent James Shoup presented to the Council members a couple of snow blower bids and spoke on the issues with the present snow removal.

Prunty opened discussion to approve changing Council meetings to once a month on the first Tuesday of the month for next few months. Bright motioned and seconded by Pike to approve changing Council meeting to one a month on the third Tuesday of the month until the City Administrator deems appropriate to need two meetings a month. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright and Pike. Nay: Warner. Absent: Ingram. Motion carried.

The City Council reviewed the following items under the consent agenda: (1) Minutes from January 4, 2022; (2) Claims. Warner moved seconded by Bright to approve consent agenda items as presented. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Warner, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Ingram. Motion carried.

Mayor Prunty did not have any updates for the committee.

City Administrator Brower updated that the second feed is not energized. The Missile program is on track. Brower encouraged all business to register on the GBSD site as a vendor and expressed that the military would not be able to use business services if they were not registered. She would provide more information as it comes in.

City Administrator Brower updated on the League of Municipalities meeting that she attended. There will be ARPA funds available and discussed the multiple uses for the funds. Clean Harbor East closed on property east of Kimball and would be meeting with the engineers February 1, 2022. Family Dollar had the concrete poured and would begin building the main structure.

The next regular schedule meeting will be February 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Prunty opened the floor for any public comments. There being no further business, Bright moved and seconded by Warner to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Warner, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Ingram. Motion carried.

Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

Kim Barnwell, City Clerk