

Kimball City Council
Joint meeting with Kimball County Commissioners
August 11, 2020

A joint meeting of the Mayor and City Council and Kimball County Commissioners was convened in open and public session immediately following the Kimball City/County Park & Recreation Executive Board meeting on August 11, 2020 at the City Council Chambers. Mayor Prunty called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Mayor Prunty and Council members Pike, Bright, Shields, and Baliman were present. Also present were City Attorney Hadenfeldt, Water Superintendent Sisk, Police Chief Bremer, City Clerk Terrill, and City Treasurer Brower. 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.

Also present were County Commissioners Daria Anderson-Faden, Brandon Mossberg and Larry Engstrom, County Attorney Dave Wilson and County Clerk Cathy Sibal.

Prunty acknowledged the open meetings act poster.

Mayor Prunty opened current business to receive an update on the Kimball Tourism Center from Jessica Rocha. Rocha updated the City Council and County Commissioners on the impact of international travel during COVID-19, plans for a mural and a large billboard that she is planning to build soon to help bring visitors from the interstate. Rocha also advised that AmeriCorps will be assisting her with some of her projects while they are here. Rocha stated that she hopes having AmeriCorps in Kimball will boost lodging and sales tax. Shields asked Rocha if other communities are contributing to the Tourism Center budget. Rocha stated that Gering only contributed for the first four years, but that Scottsbluff and Morrill would be contributing.

Prunty opened discussion to review the following interlocal agreements that the City has with Kimball County: Snow Removal, Visitor's Center, Waring Siren, Mutual Aid, GIS System and Dispatch. Prunty stated that the dispatch agreement will increase by \$1,000 this 20-21 FY but will expire during that budget year and will need to be reviewed at next year's meeting.

Engstrom asked Prunty if the City would be able to help with the mowing at the Visitor's Center. Prunty stated that the City employees are busy with several projects and have limited time. Prunty added that he would prefer the County do the mowing as it is County property. Engstrom stated that it would only be the area by the sidewalks and parking lot. Discussion held on the size of the area. Bright suggested working together

to do a zero scape on the area. Engstrom agreed with the idea.

Prunty opened discussion for an update on the City and County. Prunty reported that the pickleball and basketball courts are almost complete. He went on to say that the new Fitness Center will be open within the next 30 days. Prunty also advised that the interviews for the City Administrator position will be held at the Sagebrush on September 4, 2020.

Commissioner Engstrom that the Transit Building will have an open house at the end of September. County Clerk Sibal advised that they will be upgrading the 911 system at the Sheriff's Office.

There being no further business, moved by Bright and seconded by Baliman to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. Roll: Aye: Pike, Bright, Shields, and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

Katherine Terrill, City Clerk