

Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
October 20, 2020

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on October 20, 2020. Council members Baliman, Pike, and Shields were present. Councilmember Bright was absent. Also present was City Attorney Hadenfeldt, Water Superintendent Sisk, Power Plant Superintendent Terrill, Economic Development Coordinator Schlake, Community Service Officer Mauer, Police Officer Bryson, City Treasurer Brower, and City Clerk Terrill. 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 on the electric voting board. Aye: Baliman, Pike, and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Bright. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Prunty acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

Baliman moved and seconded by Pike to excuse Councilmember Bright from the meeting. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electric voting board. Aye: Baliman, Pike, and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Bright. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to approve the completion of the development on the Longhorn Building. Shields moved and seconded by Baliman to approve the completion of the development of the Longhorn Building. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electric voting board. Aye: Baliman, Pike, and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Bright. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to approve the Mayor's signature on the Quit Claim Deed and the Form 521 to Release the Right of Reverter on the Longhorn Building to SK Hays Companies LLC. Pike moved and seconded by Shields to approve the Mayor's signature on the Quit Claim Deed and the Form 521 to Release the Right of Reverter on the Longhorn Building to SK Hays Companies LLC. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electric voting board. Aye: Baliman, Pike, and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Bright. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the Business Façade Improvement Grant from Karen's Kitchen for the exterior wall. Baliman moved and seconded by Shields to approve the Business Façade Improvement Grant from Karen's Kitchen for the exterior wall in the amount of \$12,300 after the pictures of completion have been submitted. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electric voting board. Aye: Baliman, Pike, and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Bright. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the Business Infrastructure Improvement Grant from Sin Easy for the bathroom remodel. Schlake advised the Council that the Infrastructure Grant caps out at \$15,000.

Baliman moved and seconded by Pike to approve the Business Infrastructure Grant from Sin Easy for the bathroom remodel in the amount of \$15,000. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electric voting board. Aye: Baliman, Pike, and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Bright. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the Business Façade Improvement Grant from Kimball Fitness Center for awnings. Shields moved and seconded by Baliman to approve the Business Façade Improvement Grant from Kimball Fitness Center for awnings in the amount of \$6,303.44. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electric voting board. Aye: Baliman, Pike, and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Bright. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the Business Façade Improvement Grant from Kimball Fitness Center for a deck, steps, and railing. Schlake advised Council that the Loan Advisory Committee recommended approval of the lessor bid from McKinney Manufacturing bringing the recommended amount to \$14,970.00. Baliman moved and seconded by Pike to approve the Business Façade Improvement Grant from Kimball Fitness Center for a deck, steps, and railing in the amount of \$14,970.00. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electric voting board. Aye: Baliman, Pike, and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Bright. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the Property Improvement Grant from Bright Equipment & Services, LLC for removal of asbestos. Baliman moved and seconded by Pike to approve the Property Improvement Grant from Bright Equipment & Services for the removal of asbestos in the amount of \$5,000.00. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electric voting board. Aye: Baliman, Pike, and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Bright. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider removing the 3% fee applied to all credit card payments. Prunty advised the Council that the credit card companies charge the City the 3% fee on payments. Prunty went on to say that the yearly cost is \$12,000-\$13,000 if not more. He added that the City did not budget for that this year. Baliman thanked Brower for getting the figures together and commented that the cost was more than expected. No action taken.

Prunty opened discussion to receive input from the City Council on the Mayor's changes to the Application Review Committee. Prunty stated that the process is the same as in the past, but he is now going to have members of the public sit on the committee instead of the appointed officials. Shields asked who is on the committee. Prunty advised the committee will consist of himself, Mitch Brown, Creg Pike, Deb Shoenemann and Pastor Kenneth Mars. Discussion held on the members of the committee. A few members of the community questioned the process and who is responsible for making the appointment. After further discussion, there was no action taken.

Prunty opened discussion on the Mayor's appointment to the Application Review Committee. Prunty advised Council that he was appointing Councilmember Creg Pike to the committee. No action taken.

Prunty opened discussion to consider the request from the Kimball Hospital to change the alley to one-way access only. Stephanie Pederson, Kimball County Hospital, advised the Council that they would like to change the alley of the 500 block of Howard and Burg Street to one-way traffic. Pederson stated that

they are doing COVID testing daily and the CT/MRI trucks are at the hospital every Wednesday and Thursday. Prunty asked Pederson if they would still need the alley once COVID goes away. Pederson said that it would be safer for the employees as the alley is the only access to the employee parking lot. Prunty advised Pederson that there would need to be a public hearing permanently change the alley to one-way traffic. After discussion, Pederson will contact Brower to get signs from the city to close the alley on Wednesday's and Thursday's. No action taken.

The City Council reviewed the following items under the consent agenda: (1) Minutes from the special September 3, 2020 special joint City Council/Board of Public Works meeting and the September 15, 2020 regular meeting; (2) Claims; (3) Financial Statements (4) Ratify members of the Kimball Volunteer Fire Department. Shields moved and seconded by Baliman to approve the consent agenda as presented. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electric voting board. Aye: Baliman, Pike, and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Bright. Motion carried.

Mayors Report: Basketball, pickle ball and bridge completed at Gotte Park.

Next regular meeting will be held November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. There being no further business, Baliman moved and seconded by Shields to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electric voting board. Aye: Baliman, Pike, and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Bright. Motion carried.

Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

Katherine Terrill, City Clerk