

Kimball City Council  
Regular Meeting  
December 15, 2020

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 6:04 p.m. on December 15, 2020 the meeting was held at the Kimball County Transit building, 233 S. Chestnut St., to comply with social distancing guidelines. Mayor Prunty and Council members Bright, Ingram, Pike and Baliman were present. Council Member absence: None. Also present were Economic Development Coordinator Schlake, Water Superintendent Sisk, Police Chief Bremer, City Treasurer/Deputy Clerk 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.

Prunty called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Deputy City Clerk Brower administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council member Ingram and re-elected Council member Baliman.

Prunty opened elections for Council President. Ingram moved to nominate Kim Baliman, second by Pike. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded Aye: Bright, Ingram, Baliman and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the Mayor's appointments for positions, boards and committees, newspaper, radio stations and banks. Prunty indicated that appointments remained the same except for the appointment of Matt Turman as City Attorney.

There being no further discussion, Baliman moved and Bright seconded to approve the Mayor's appointments for positions, boards and committees, newspaper, radio stations and banks as presented. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded Aye: Bright, Ingram, Baliman and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty acknowledged for the record the resignation of City Clerk Terrill.

Prunty opened discussion to approve the Mayor's signature to the City Maintenance Agreement Renewal with the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation. There being no further discussion, Bright moved and Baliman seconded. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded Aye: Bright, Ingram, Baliman and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Baliman moved and Ingram seconded to ratify the Kimball Volunteer Fire Department officers for the 2020/2021 year. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded Aye: Bright, Ingram, Baliman and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty provided the Council with a rough draft of the guidelines for the future Sidewalk Improvement Program. Baliman thanked Economic Development Coordinator Elyse Schlake for all her time researching and work put in to draw up the guidelines.

Prunty opened discussion on the Rural Workforce Housing Fund. Program was presented by Twin Cities Development looking to apply for the grant will encompass three counties: Scottsbluff County, Kimball County, Morrill County. Workforce housing program must be in rural communities, each community decides what is best for their community. Program will be perpetual loan fund, not a grant, and the minimum fund investment amount would be \$25,000 which would be matched for a total of \$75,000. Letter of intent would be needed along with amount of investment for deadline at the end of January. Baliman suggested the City considering \$50,000. Bright questioned if \$50,000 was enough to begin a build project and suggested \$75,000. After discussion, a letter of intent will be drafted. Fund amount to be determined later once the decision is made on which account (s) the funds will be taken from.

Prunty opened discussion on the Economic Development Coordinator, Elyse Schlake, applying for the USDA Rural Development Business Grant. Grant approval will benefit from local donated funds from businesses, investors, and banks which the ED Coordinator will be requesting. The grant would boost the current LB840 funds to be used locally.

Prunty introduced Resolution 2020-10 - Authorizing Chief Elected Official to sign documents related to the Rural Development Rural Business Development Grant application. There being no further discussion, Baliman moved to approve Resolution 2020-10 seconded by Pike. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded Aye: Bright, Ingram, Baliman and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Discussion held on Ground Based Strategic Deterrent Project update. Local businesses urged to visit GBDSbound.com website to register their business. Per discussion with the USAF, the project is slated to begin in the year 2023 for a span of 10 years with 7 years of intense activity.

The City Council reviewed the following items under the consent agenda:

1. Minutes from the November 16, 2020 regular City Council meeting.
2. Claims.
3. Financial Statements.

Baliman moved and seconded by Ingram to approve the consent agenda items as presented. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Shields, Bright, Pike and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be held January 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. There being no further business, Bright moved and seconded by Pike to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Baliman, Pike, Bright and Ingram. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

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Annette Brower, Deputy City Clerk