

Kimball City Council
Joint meeting with Kimball County Commissioners
March 15, 2021

A joint meeting of the Mayor and City Council and Kimball County Commissioners was convened in open and public session on March 15, 2021 at the Kimball County Transit Conference room. Mayor Prunty called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Mayor Prunty and Council members Pike, Bright, Ingram, and Baliman were present. Also present was City Clerk/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 Rich Flores, Carl Standard, and County Clerk Cathy Sibal.

Prunty acknowledged the open meetings act poster.

Mayor Prunty opened discussion for approval of the agenda and to authorize Council's signatures on the Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice of Meeting & Agenda. Motion by Baliman and seconded by Ingram to approve agenda and Council Signatures. On roll call the following votes were recorded: Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Prunty opened discussion on joint efforts during outages and/or severe weather-related events. Ron Leal with Region 21 joined the meeting via Zoom to discuss procedures for the County and City to utilize for preparing an emergency response plan. Plans would include Shelter training, Protocols on Response, Education and gathering a list of volunteers. Informational gathering only, no motion made.

Mayor Prunty opened discussion on County support for a legislative bill to amend section 77-1701 to allow for abatements to be eligible for tax sale. County Commissioners advised they would discuss the issue at their next County Officials Panhandle meeting and gather additional information. No motion made.

County opened discussion on the High Point Welcome Center of Western Nebraska and the benefits to Kimball and the Panhandle Area. Jessica Rocha, County Tourism Director, joined the meeting via Zoom and gave an update on the Tourism Center and projects for the future. Informational gathering only, no motion made.

County opened discussion on the proposed Ground Based Strategic Defense Program (GBSD) Missile Project. Both City and County officials agreed on the importance of maintaining open communication regarding any updates on the project. Direction was given to City Clerk and County Clerk to forward information received to the other to ensure open communication and sharing of information between Commissioners and Council Members.

There being no further business, moved by Bright and seconded by Pike to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Roll: Aye: Pike, Bright, Ingram, and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

Annette Brower, City Clerk