

Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2021

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on March 16, 2021 held at the Kimball County Transit building, 233 S. Chestnut St., to comply with social distancing guidelines. Council members Baliman, Pike, Bright and Ingram were present. Also present was City Attorney Turman, City Clerk-Treasurer Brower, and Economic Development Coordinator Elyse Schlake. 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, Ingram, Pike and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Prunty acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

Prunty moved to open the public hearing for the One and Six-Year Streets Plan at 6:01 p.m. Prunty excused absence of Streets Superintendent Shoup who was out clearing roads from recent storm and explained the yearly Streets plan for approval. There being n additional public comment or questions. Prunty closed the public hearing at 6:02.

Ingram moved and seconded by Bright to approve Resolution 2021-02, 2020 One-and Six-Year Street Plan. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty invited Kimball Volunteer Fire Department Chief Bohac to speak regarding his request for a written Mutual Aid Interlocal Agreement. KVFD is requesting a mutual aid agreement at the City level to assist in recouping costs associated with responses to accidents on the interstate. Per legal counsel, there is a State Statute allowing volunteer Fire Departments to bill for their time if the local political subdivision approves. Motion by Baliman and seconded by Pike to allow legal to draft an ordinance for mutual aid agreements to coincide with the County and the KVFD fee schedule. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on Keno Grant funds request by the Kimball High School students for after-prom. Students advised Council they will donate time painting at the ballfields for their volunteer time per the Keno grant guidelines. Pike moved and seconded by Bright to approve \$500 in gift cards from local Kimball businesses from Keno Grant funds as prizes for the Kimball High School post-prom. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Discussion held on changes to the Business Façade Improvement Grant and Business Infrastructure Improvement Grant Guidelines. Baliman moved and seconded by Bright to approve changes to Business Façade Improvement Grant and Business Infrastructure Improvement Grant Guidelines to add wording that the business owners will be responsible for any insurance deductible costs. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on approval of Business Facade Improvement Grant for exterior door for A&L Holdings, LLC. After discussion, Baliman moved and seconded by Bright to approve the Business Facade Improvement Grant in the amount of \$567.30. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on approval of Business Infrastructure Grant for heating for A&L Holdings, LLC. After discussion, Baliman moved and seconded by Pike to approve the Business Infrastructure Improvement Grant in the amount of \$5,938.10. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on approval of Business Infrastructure Improvement Grant for bathroom improvements for A&L Holdings, LLC. After discussions, Baliman moved and seconded by Bright to approve the Business Infrastructure Improvement Grant in the amount of \$1635.90. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, Pike and Baliman. Nay: Bright. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on approval of Business Facade Improvement Grant for roof for Flower Haven. Economic Development Coordinator Schlake advised Council that the Loan Advisory Committee disapproved the requested amount. After discussions, Bright moved and seconded by Pike to disapprove the Business Facade Improvement Grant. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on approval of Business Facade Improvement Grant for permanent landscaping for the High Point RV Park. After discussions, Baliman moved

and seconded by Ingram to approve the Business Facade Improvement Grant in the amount of \$9702.00. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, Bright, Baliman. Nay: Pike. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the Business Infrastructure Improvement Grant for electric and lighting for The Eagles Club. After discussions, Baliman moved and seconded by Pike to approve the Business Infrastructure Improvement Grant in the amount of \$4616.75. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Pike and Baliman. Abstain: Ingram. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty invited Economic Development Coordinator Schlake to give an update on the Communities for Kids Project. Economic Development is working with outside groups to bring a preschool, childcare facility, satellite office for WNCC, mental health and a rehab facility to the City of Kimball. This project is not a City project; however, the City is showing support for the project. There will be a public meeting on April 6, 2021 from 5p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sagebrush. Communities Project committee includes local daycare provider Sisk. The Kimball Hospital, Kimball Public Schools and ESU 13 are supporting the project.

Discussion on the Code of Conduct for Elected Officials was tabled.

Prunty opened discussion and approval a resolution for bonds for City Officials and Employees. Legal counsel advised that per Statute we are required to be bonded. This resolution will set the minimum amount and cover all at once. After discussions, Baliman moved and second by Bright to approve Resolution #2021-04 City Officials and Employees Bonds. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the City of Kimball Live-Stream Policy for meetings. Discussions held on which meetings should be live-streamed and legal liabilities. After discussions, Ingram moved and seconded by Pike to approve the City of Kimball Live-Stream Policy with the amendment stating that the meetings to be live-streamed are the City Council and the Board of Public Works. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on approval of adding Deputy Treasurer's and Deputy Clerk's signatures to signature cards for all bank accounts at FirsTier Bank, Points West Community Bank and Kimball State Bank. Baliman moved and seconded by Ingram to approve the addition of Deputy Clerk Barnwell and Deputy Treasurer Klassen as signatures on all bank accounts at FirsTier Bank, Points West Community Bank and Kimball State Bank. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The City Council reviewed the following items under the consent agenda: (1) Minutes from February 16, 2021 regular meeting; (2) Claims; (3) Financial Statements. Baliman moved and seconded by Pike to approve the consent agenda as presented at the meeting and by email. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayors Report: ACE funds received in the amount of \$5543.00 to be used towards new signage around town, signs are being made by the High School students on their Auto Cad Program. City has been approved for the CCCC Grant for \$10,000 for the new pool feasibility grant. The City of Kimball has been awarded the 2020 Tree City USA award, making this the 29th year in a row.

Next regular meeting will be held April 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Prunty opened the floor for any public comments. No comments received.

There being no further business, Bright moved and seconded by Pike to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

Annette Brower, City Clerk