

Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2021

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on May 18, 2021 held at the Kimball County Transit building, 233 S. Chestnut St. Council members Pike, Bright and Ingram were present. Also present was City Attorney Turman, City Clerk-Treasurer Brower, Deputy Clerk Barnwell. 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, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Prunty acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

Prunty opened public hearing at 6:01 for a Conditional Use Permit at 4309 E Hwy 30, 33-15-55 Lot 1R Deboodt Subdivision Parcel #530019221 requesting to install an irrigation pump. No public comments received in opposition. Prunty closed the public hearing at 6:03.

Motion by Ingram seconded by Pike to approve the conditional use permit for 4309 E Hwy 30, Kimball. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened public hearing at 6:04 for the request to rezone 12.974 acres in NW ¼ 33-15-55 Tract 1A Parcel #530019132 and 10.460 acres in NW ¼ 33-15-55 Tract 2A Parcel #530019140 in the City of Kimball formerly known as the Ridgewood MHP from R-4 Residential Mobile Home Park to C-4 Commercial Services District. Sonny Porter introduced the plan for development on the property to include a small fueling station, RV parking on the South portion and a retail business with shooting range on the North portion. The 'Rook' will include indoor space to house shows and event for up to 50 cars and 150-200 motorcycles as well as gun shows and will employ 10-20 people. Several local residents spoke regarding their concerns on the project.

Prunty closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. Prunty asked for Council input, Councilman Pike offered his thoughts on the project and reiterated that the main

concern of truck parking has been addressed by the Porters removing the truck parking in their plan. Further public comments received. No further input received from Council members Bright and Ingram. Prunty opened for a motion to approve the rezone application. No motions made. Approval of rezone denied due to lack of motion.

Prunty opened discussion on the Mayor's appointment of Christy Warner to City Council as she was voted in by the people in the last election. Warner spoke on her behalf. Several citizens spoke in approval of the appointment. Moved by Pike to appoint Warner to Council, lack of a second. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Pike. Nay: Bright and Ingram. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the new Council President. Motion by Ingram to appoint Creg Pike as President seconded by Bright. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, Bright and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on adding the Council President to all bank cards at Points West Community Bank with exception of the Airport Authority. Motion by Ingram seconded by Bright to approve Creg Pike Council President's signature on all accounts at Points West Community Bank with exception of Airport. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, Bright and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on approval of \$75,000 funds commitment to the RWHF. Ingram motioned and seconded by Bright to approve the funds with \$25,000 taken from Utility, \$25,000 taken from General and \$25,000 taken from Economic Development. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, Bright and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on renewing contract with the Aging Office of Nebraska for continued support of the Handyman Project. Wendy Baker spoke to Council regarding the program. Motion by Bright and seconded by Pike to approve the renewal of the contract with the Aging Office. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, Bright and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on approval of new police radios for the Kimball Police Department. Chief Bremer spoke regarding the age of the current radios and the importance of officer safety with updating to new technology. Older radios will be donated to the Kimball Volunteer Fire Department. Motion by Ingram and seconded by Bright to approve purchase of new handheld radios for Kimball Police. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, Bright and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on Ordinance #789 Street Parking of RV, Boats and Trailers during Winter months. After discussions and public input, Ingram moved and seconded by Pike to approve the second reading of Ordinance #789 as presented. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 789

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND TITLE VII, CHAPTER 73, OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTION 73.20 – STREET PARKING PROHIBITIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Vote for passage: On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, Bright and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Ordinance passes to the third reading.

Prunty opened discussion on the Reimbursement Agreement between MEAN and the City of Kimball for the second feed with High West Energy. Motion by Bright and seconded by Pike to approve the Mayor's signature on the Reimbursement Agreement with MEAN. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, Bright and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the creation of an employment contract. Ingram moved and seconded by Bright to create an employment contract for interim administrator position. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, Bright and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The City Council reviewed the following items under the consent agenda: (1) Minutes from April 20, 2021 regular meeting, (2) Claims; (3) Financial Statements. Pike moved seconded by Ingram to approve consent agenda items as presented. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, and Pike. Nay: Bright. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor reported that Council members attended the Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce Banquet where the City of Kimball was recognized and mentioned as a part of the upcoming GBSD project. New Police pickup delivered. Baker Tilly visited the City and interviewed staff and Council regarding City Administrator search.

Next regular meeting will be held June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Prunty opened the floor for any public comments.

There being no further business, Bright moved and seconded by Pike to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

Annette Brower, City Clerk