

Kimball City Council
Special Joint Meeting
April 28, 2022

A special joint meeting of the Mayor, City Council and the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2022, at the Kimball County Transit Building 233 S Chestnut St. Kimball NE. Mayor Keith Prunty called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Council members present were: Bright, Ingram, Warner, and Pike. Absent: None. Chairman Porter called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Board of Public members present were: Fossand, Evertson, and Porter. Absent: Coleman and Brown. Also present were City Administrator Brower, Clerk Barnwell, and City Treasurer Klassen. 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.

On roll call vote, the following City Council votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Warner, and Pike. Absent: None. On roll call vote, the following Board of Public Works votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Porter, and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Coleman and Brown. Motion carried. Prunty acknowledged the Open Meetings Act. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Prunty opened the floor to Pat Henry with PowerTech to discuss the proposal for available generators, upgrades to the power plant for new generation. Pat Henry was present and began discussing the proposals presented to the City Council and the Board of Public Works. The generators availability was pushed back to being available in December, the fourth quarter. The generators were from the used market and would be installed as a turnkey product and would be stand alone. The fuel would be occupying the current 10,000-gallon diesel tank and a 500-gallon daily tanks. Pat continued to say that the systems would involve one operator and would be producing power in approximately ten seconds from start up. Additional warranty would be available to purchase. Pat stated the estimated cost would be \$20-25k and would be CAT service coverage. There would also be a Service Agreement available to purchase for approximately \$5,000.00 per unit which would include oil samples. PowerTech requires 10% of the purchase price up front to hold the generators and would require generators to be paid in full before being shipped.

Prunty opened the floor to Tyler Swaney with Exponential Engineering to discuss power plant generation needs and proposal for electric grid study for current and future needs. Mr. Swaney zoomed into the meeting and began discussing the Generation Assessment proposal. The City Council and the Board of Public Works members

agreed that this process would not be necessary if the decision was made to go forward with the purchase of the generators. Tyler then discussed the Electrical System Modeling proposal. He stated that the GIS City System Mapping was in progress and that it could be used to build on. The process for the Electrical System Modeling would take approximately one month to complete. Ingram moved and seconded by Pike to approve the Exponential Engineering Electrical System Modeling proposal not to exceed \$25, 850.00. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Warner, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Tyler Swaney discussed the Ten-Year Master Plan proposal. He stated that this would prioritize the upgrades to the system. It would consist of the existing system, additions to the loads and the planning period. Tyler added that the price of the proposal would be good for 90 days and if the scope of the project did not change, the price would be good through the end of the year. The City Council and the Board of Public Works members agreed to complete the Electrical System Modeling at a later date to get a better understanding of the growth of Kimball, and then add the Ten-Year Master Plan.

Prunty opened the floor to Tim Cerveny, Manager of Resources and Transmission with NMPP/MEAN to discuss the power generation needs in western Nebraska. Mr. Cerveny stated that the current and upcoming needs for generation in the western part of the United States are definitely necessary. Tim answered questions and agreed that the Kimball Power Plant would probably be approved for additional MEGS to run for the MEAN generation monthly payment. It would need to be approved by the MEAN board.

Prunty opened discussion and approval for taking action on the future closure of the Power Plant and switching to new generation including the purchase of new generators to replace the current generators in order to sustain the City's ability to produce our own electricity and continue generation for MEAN. Treasurer Klassen stated that the Sweep Account had \$1,274,764.29 as of March 31, 2022, and that CD Account had \$3,110,948.00 as of April 20, 2022. The committee members discussed purchasing bonds and using cash to purchase generators. Board of Public Works Chairman Porter asked for a motion to approve the PowerTech proposal and to forward recommended approval to the City Council for final approval. Fossand motioned and seconded by Evertson to forward the approval of the PowerTech proposal to the City Council for final approval. On roll call vote, the following Board of Public Works votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Porter, and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Coleman and Brown. Motion carried.

Warner motioned and seconded by Pike to approve the proposal from PowerTech for the purchase of new generators and to approve the 10% down payment. On roll call vote the following City Council votes were recorded. Aye: Warner, Ingram, and Pike. Abstained: Bright. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion for approval on Resolution 2022-06 2022 Local Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Kimball. Ingram motioned and seconded by Bright to approve Resolution 2022-06 2022 Local Emergency Operations Plan for the City of

Kimball. On roll call vote the following City Council votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Warner, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion for approval on purchase of a 2005 SnoGo WK-800 snowblower for the Streets Department from MacQueen Equipment. Warner motioned and seconded by Bright to approve the purchase of a 2005 SnoGo WK-800 snowblower for the Streets Department from MacQueen Equipment for \$55k and to pay in full on October 1, 2022. On roll call vote the following City Council votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Warner, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion and approval for the recommendation from the Pool Committee to approve the proposed scope of services from JEO Consulting to pursue options for an Indoor Recreation Center. Administrator Brower stated that the Indoor pool would actually be referred to as a Wellness Center in order to possibly qualify for Federal grant funding. She stated that the current swimming pool has 2 years life left. She stated that the Center would include a walking track, basketball court, volleyball court and would be ADA accessible. This would be an investment in the community for all of Kimball and would definitely be an Economic Development plus. Administrator Brower informed the board that JEO Consulting would be managing the public information meetings so that the public can make the decision as to what they want. The sessions will be held over the summer so that it can be finalized and be presented as a Sales Tax increase on this year ballot. Bright motioned and seconded by Pike to approve the recommendation from the Pool Committee to approve the proposed scope of services from JEO Consulting to pursue options for an Indoor Recreation Center that shall not exceed \$50,000.00 and to use Economic Development funds. On roll call vote the following City Council votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Warner, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

No public comments were made.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. On roll call vote, the following City Council votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Warner, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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Keith Prunty, Mayor

Kim Barnwell, City Clerk