

Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
June 21, 2022

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on June 21, 2022, held at the Kimball County Transit building, 233 S. Chestnut St. Council members Ingram, Pike, and Bright were present. Also, present was Mayor Prunty, City Administrator Brower, City Attorney Turman, City 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 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: Warner. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Prunty acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

Prunty opened discussion to approve the absence of Warner. Pike moved and seconded by Ingram to approve the absence of Warner. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Prunty opened public hearing at 6:01 p.m. for application for Class C (BEER, WINE, DISTILLED SPIRITS, ON AND OFF SALE) liquor license for Ondori International Foods Inc dba Ondori Ramen, 114 S. Chestnut St., Kimball, NE. No public discussion. Prunty closed the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Prunty opened discussion for approval on the application for Class C (BEER, WINE, DISTILLED SPIRITS, ON AND OFF SALE) liquor license for Ondori International Foods Inc dba Ondori Ramen, 114 S. Chestnut St., Kimball, NE. Ingram moved and seconded by Bright to approve the application for Class C (BEER, WINE, DISTILLED SPIRITS, ON AND OFF SALE) liquor license for Ondori International Foods Inc dba Ondori Ramen, 114 S. Chestnut St., Kimball, NE. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion for Chief Bremer to do an update on Abatements. Chief Bremer introduced Abatement Officer Joe Leitza. Officer Leitza stated that the abatement process is work in process. He discussed the current abatements and the process for notifying property owners. He stated that he was also hanging door handers on resident doors for moving and yard notifications with a 5-day follow-up. Chief Bremer then introduced Chasta Lambert as the full time Administrative Assistant for the Police Department. He then stated that the tree letters were being discussed and was hopeful that they would be going on in the next couple of weeks.

Prunty opened discussion on the update from Tiffany LaBeau on the Feral Cat Program. Ms. LaBeau was not able to attend, and her update will be rescheduled.

Prunty opened discussion for Wendy Baker to do an update on the Handyman Project. Ms. Baker informed the Council that Handyman Project had been contracted to the Aging Office in Scottsbluff and that her responsibilities would end July 31, 2022. She then stated the process and upcoming changes. The Council thanked Ms. Baker for her service with the Handyman Project.

Prunty opened discussion on the Gotte Park at 4th Street Entrance Public Comments that were received by the staff at the City Hall. The speed bump had been installed. City Administrator Brower stated that the majority of the comments received were in favor of the barricades being removed.

Prunty opened discussion for approval of new appointment of Jaclyn Burks to the Park & Recreation Operating Board to replace Pat O'Brien. After discussion, Ingram moved and seconded by Brights to approve new appointment of Jaclyn Burks to the Park & Recreation Operating Board. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion for approval of the Interview Policy for Appointed Officials and Police Officers. After discussion it was decided that Council members would be included in the scanning process of the candidates for the City Administrator and remove the Board of Public Works from that process. It was decided to add member of the community selected by the Police Chief to the interview panel for the City Police Officers. Council directed staff to make changes and present at the next meeting. No action was taken.

Prunty opened discussion for approval on the Chip Seal bid from MC Schaff and Associates. Street Superintendent Jim Shoup was present and stated that the bid was higher than expected. He stated that if the West 5th Street portion of the project was removed that the total price would be lowered to \$99,334.68. After discussion, Ingram moved and seconded by Bright to approve the Chip Seal bid from MC Schaff and Associated with removed the West 5th Street portion for a total of \$99,334.68. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion for approval on bids from Shane Hays Construction for downtown sidewalk revitalizing/repair and handicapped parking spots with ADA access curbs. Pike motioned and seconded by Ingram to approve bid from Shane Hays Construction for downtown sidewalk revitalizing/repair and handicapped parking spots with ADA access curbs. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion for approval on recommendation from the Planning Commission to pass Ordinance #805 amending original Ordinance #671 to hereby adopt the State Building code pursuant to State Statute 71-6406 as may be adopted from time-to-time hereafter and repealing all sections of our Code in conflict therewith State Building Code 150.005. After discussion, the Council decided to table agenda it until next meeting in order to conduct more research. No action was taken.

Prunty opened discussion for approval on the recommendation from the Planning Commission to add Off-Street Parking for Apartment Complexes to the Zoning and recommended parking lot requirements for apartments. Administrator Brower stated that the Planning Commission was recommending one (1) parking spot per bedroom in each apartment and that the staff recommends one and a half (1.5) to two (2) parking spots per apartment. After discussion, Bright moved and seconded by Ingram to approve the Off-Street Parking for Apartment Complexes to one (1) parking spot per bedroom in each apartment and to update the zoning ordinance. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion for consideration on a Noise Control Ordinance. The councilmembers discussed setting limits, specifying commercial and resident zones and exceptions for special events. The staff was directed to work on a draft Noise Control Ordinance to be presented at the next meeting.

Prunty opened discussion for approval of the Mayor's appointment of Melinda Pearson as Building Inspector/Building Official per City, International Residential Code, and International Building Code. Pike moved and seconded by Ingram to approve the Mayor's appointment of Melinda Pearson as Building Inspector/Building Official per City, International Residential Code, and International Building Code. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, and Pike. Nay: Bright. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Prunty opened for approval to the Kimball Volunteer Fire Department Membership changes, adding Andrew Lawson and Blake Pigott. Bright moved and seconded by Ingram to approve the Kimball Volunteer Fire Department Membership changes, adding Andrew Lawson and Blake Pigott. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

The City Council reviewed the following items under the consent agenda: (1) Minutes from May 17, 2022 – regular meeting; (2) Claims; (3) Financial Statements. Bright motioned and seconded by Pike to approve consent agenda items as presented. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Mayor Prunty updated that he is working on getting the downtown filled up and cleaned up. He is working Chasta and the Police Department on getting the tree letters sent out.

Tree letters would be going out in June and that the Tree Removal Policy included stumps. He then informed the City Council that the City of Kimball received \$60,738.33 from EMC as a dividend from the safety portion of the policy.

City Administrator Brower updated the all the crews have been busy; the hospital, West Elementary demolition will begin tomorrow morning. She stated that the Dollar General cub/gutter project and ADA updates are complete. She has met with developers and engineers and projects are moving forward. She continued to state that the Community Redevelopment

Authority extended the resolution six months for the Evergreen homes construction to be finished. The rate studies are completed and will have NMPP at a future meeting with the BPW to discuss. She stated that budgets will be worked on starting July; sales tax has gone up for the second month in a row.

The next regular schedule meeting will be July 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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

There being no further business, Bright motioned and seconded by Ingram to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

Kim Barnwell, City Clerk