

Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
July 19, 2022

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on July 19, 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, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Prunty acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

Prunty opened discussion on Agenda Request from Christy Warner on updating the City of Kimball's Comp Plan and Blight Study. Ms. Warner stated that with the changes coming up in the future for Kimball that it might be something to consider. After discussion, Warner moved and seconded by Ingram to direct staff to explore option and bids for updating the City of Kimball Comp Plan and Blight Study. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on Agenda Request from Christy Warner on discussing options to hire a Consulting Service for assistance with larger projects. After discussion, Pike moved and seconded by Warner to direct staff look into options on hiring a Consulting Service for assistance with larger projects. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on Agenda Request from Christy Warner on options on posting sign in the city parks. Prunty mentioned that Resolution 2019-08 stated no signs allowed in the city parks without the city administrator's permission. Ms. Warner stated that with all the volunteers involved with the parks that it would be nice to be able to acknowledge them. No Action Taken.

Prunty opened discussion on Agenda Request from Gabe Ingram to keep the trees in the downtown business district and to keep moving forward on the downtown area appearance. Mr. Ingram spoke on how important it was to keep the trees and keep the bricks. Contractor Shane Hayes was present and spoke to the board on the issues with keeping the bricks. He stated that there were issues with removing and replacing the bricks and would be a costly addition to the project. Mr. Hayes offered a couple alternative options. He will provide an additional bid for stamping and coloring the brick, installing a drip tap and grates, and a bid for removal and replacing the bricks which can be presented to the board at the next meeting. He will also provide samples.

Discussion on Sidewalk replacement “design” for Chestnut and second street was skipped due to the fact that the issues and concerns were addressed in the prior agenda item.

Prunty opened discussion on the Keno Request from Gabe Ingram for \$1,000.00 to assist with costs associated with Farmer’s Day. Warner moved and seconded by Pike to approve the Keno Request for \$1,000.00 to assist with costs associated with Farmer’s Day and to waive the Community Service hours. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Pike, and Warner. Abstain: Ingram. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened the discussion for an update from Tiffany LaBeau on the Feral Cat Program. Ms. LaBeau stated that the TNR has had twelve trips to Cheyenne since November 2021 and 21 feral cats fixed and vaccinated. She stated that she will continue to vaccinate, spay, and neuter feral cats in the community.

Prunty opened the discussion for an update from Jean Gilbert-Cole with Kimball Area Foundation on the Walking Trail/Dog Park and KAF volunteers. Ms. Gilbert-Cole stated that one major project was left for the dog park which was providing water/fountain to the park. She asked for assistance from the City to assist with getting the water provided through the city’s infrastructures. She then stated that the volunteer base was aging out and the numbers were low. She then asked the City to take over the property and maintain it. City Administrator Brower stated that after discussions with the Superintendents, that the City was prepared to take over the maintenance of the Walking Trail/Dog Park.

Prunty opened discussion for Chief Andy Bremer to give an update on the abatements. Chief Bremer started with opening the floor for any questions. He then stated that there was one abatement this past month and that things were getting cleaned up. A few areas were discussed, and Chief Bremer ended his update stating that there was an increase in abatements due to the fact that there was a fulltime Abatement Officer on staff.

Prunty opened discussion for approval on the purchase of an Intox DMT breathalyzer to replace blood testing kits for the total of \$9,335.00. Chief Bremer stated that the blood kits were on short supply and that they would be out soon. He stated that the Police Department would explore grants to assist with the cost. Abatement Officer Joe Leitza would administer the machine. He would receive his Class B license to maintain and collaborate the machine as well. Pike moved and seconded by Bright to approve the purchase of an Intox DMT breathalyzer to replace blood testing kits for the total of \$9,335.00. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion for approval of recommended designs for the Downtown Lincoln Highway Crosswalks. Jessica Rocha was present to discuss. After discussion, Ingram moved and seconded by Bright to approve the recommended designs for the Downtown Lincoln Highway Crosswalks and instructed Ms. Rocha to work with Jim Shoup, Street Superintendent on the particulars. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion for approval on amendment to Resolution 2017-01, sale of Evergreen lots with time extension of six months granted by the Community Redevelopment Agency to Johnson Construction. Bright moved and seconded by Pike to approve amendment to Resolution 2017-01 sale of Evergreen lots with time extension of six months granted by the Community Redevelopment Agency to Johnson Construction. On roll call the following votes

were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on approval of recommendation from the Planning Commission to pass Ordinance #805 amending original Ordinance #671 to hereby adopt the State Building code pursuant to State Statue 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. Prunty asked for motion to introduce Ordinance #805, read by title only and the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Warner moved and seconded by Pike to introduce Ordinance #805, read by title only and the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Prunty read by title only.

Warner moved and seconded by Ingram to approve passage of Ordinance #805 amending original Ordinance #671 to hereby adopt the State Building code pursuant to State Statue 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. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on consideration of a Noise Control Ordinance #806. Prunty stated that nothing was set for this ordinance and that this was only a starting point. City Attorney Turman spoke regarding the Noise Control Ordinance #806. After much public discussion, Warner moved and seconded by Bright to table the consideration of Noise Control Ordinance #806. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion for approval of the Interview Policy for Appointed Officials and Police Officers. Warner moved and seconded by Bright to approve the Interview Policy for Appointed Officials and Police Officers with changing Clerical to Clergy on the Interview panel for City Police Officers. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the Kimball Volunteer Fire Department membership changes – adding James McDonald and Jeffrey Teauge. This was provided for informational purposes only.

Prunty opened the reviewing of the 2022 SPNRD FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Plan for informational purposes only.

Prunty opened discussion on approval on the Resolution 2022-07 to adopt the 2022 SPNRD FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Ingram moved and seconded by Pike to approve Resolution 2022-07 to adopt the 2022 SPNRD FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Plan. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Warner moved and seconded by Bright to approve Mayor's signature on the Resolution 2022-07 to adopt the 2022 SPNRD FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Plan. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion for approval on Amended Resolution 2019-08 – Updates to the City Park Rules. Bright moved and seconded by Pike to approve Amended Resolution 2019-08 –

Updates to the City Park Rules. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to approve Mayor's appointment of Kayla Janicek to the Board of Adjustment. Bright moved and seconded by Pike to approve Mayor's appointment of Kayla Janicek to the Board of Adjustment.

Prunty opened discussion on letter received from SPNRD for recognition of Kimball Parks Department for the 2022 Community Environmental Impact Award. City Administrator Brower congratulated Jim Shoup and John Heideman for their hard work and receiving the award.

The City Council reviewed the following items under the consent agenda: (1) Minutes from June 21, 2022 – regular meeting; (2) Claims; (3) Financial Statements. Pike motioned and seconded by Warner to approve consent agenda items as presented. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Prunty did not have any updates available.

City Administrator Brower updated the all the crews have been busy; the County and Region 21 will be continuing to update and testing all tornado sirens; Budget time is upon us, and she will be releasing the joint meeting proposed dates soon. She reminded the board of the upcoming August 2 Public Hearing that the Air Force and Northrup Grumman will be having at 5:30 pm at the high school.

The next regular schedule meeting will be August 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Prunty opened the floor for any public comments. A few public comments were made.

There being no further business, Bright motioned and seconded by Ingram to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Bright, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

Kim Barnwell, City Clerk