

Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
March 7, 2023

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 5:01 p.m. on March 7, 2023, held at the City Council Chambers, 223 S. Chestnut St. Council members Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner were present. Also, present was Mayor Morrison, City Treasurer Klassen, and City 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.

Morrison called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Morrison led the room in prayer. Morrison acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

Morrison opened the public hearing at 5:02 p.m. for placing the matter of extending the City of Kimball Economics Development Sales and Use Tax on a special election ballot. There were public comments. Morrison closed the public hearing at 5:02 p.m.

Morrison opened the public hearing at 5:03 p.m. for placing the matter of an infrastructure project local sales and use tax on a special election ballot with an increase of an additional one-half of one percent (1/2%) from the current rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) to a total of two percent (2%) and impose a sales and use tax at the creased rate for sales tax for the City of Kimball. No public comments were made. Morrison closed the public hearing at 5:03 p.m.

Morrison opened discussion on Resolution 2023-07 (LB840). After discussion, motion by Pike and seconded by Ingram to approve Resolution 2023-07 (LB 840). On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened discussion on Resolution 2023-01 (LB357). After a detailed discussion, Morrison then opened for approval to terminate current Interlocal Agreement between the City of Kimball & City of Kimball Community Redevelopment Authority. Motion by Muench and seconded by Pike to approve termination of current Interlocal Agreement between the City of Kimball & City of Kimball Community Redevelopment Authority. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened discussion and approval of new Interlocal Agreement between the City of Kimball & City of Kimball Community Redevelopment Authority. Motion by Pike and seconded by Muench to approve the new Interlocal Agreement between the City of Kimball & City of

Kimball Community Redevelopment Authority. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pike and seconded by Warner to approve Resolution 2023-01 (LB357). On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened to Zelle HR on the City of Kimball Employee Handbook. Micah Neil was present and briefly discussed the changes made to the handbook per the City Council's recommendation. After discussion, motion by Warner and seconded by Pike to approve the City of Kimball Employee Handbook. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened for approval on Mayor's signature on Twin Cities Development Rural Workforce Housing Letter of Support and Donor Commitment Form. Motion by Muench and seconded by Ingram to approve Mayor's signature on Twin Cities Development Rural Workforce Housing Letter of Support and Donor Commitment Form. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened for discussion and approval for closure of the Handy Man Project Account at Points West Community Bank. Motion by Ingram and seconded by Muench to approve closure of the Handy Man Project Account at Points West Community Bank. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened the Kimball County Transit – City Support for Transit and Lease Options presentation. Corinne Donahue from Mobility Management presented the handout to the Council. She stated that this would be a partnership with the City and that the \$25,000.00 would assist with the local match dollars. She stated that sixty-four percent of the bus riders were from Kimball County and that sixty-four percent of them were from the City of Kimball. No action was taken but it was suggested that a meeting between County Commissioners and City Council be arranged to discuss the proposal further. Mayor Morrison stated that he would speak with City Administrator Brower to discuss and report back to the Council.

The City Council reviewed the following items under the consent agenda: (1) Minutes from February 21, 2023. Muench motioned and seconded by Pike to approve consent agenda with noted correction as presented. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Morrison updated that the LB 712 legislative would be for the upcoming growth in the panhandle; there were several projects going on in town. He mentioned the new hospital, the new day care center, the car wash and the Dollar General moving to a new location. He encouraged the public to volunteer for some of the vacant board positions that are available.

Police Chief Bremer updated he has a few ongoing cases; the department is working on the policy manual; every Thursday is training at the PD; business as normal and that the new sign is up.

The next regular schedule meeting will be March 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Morrison opened the floor for any public comments. No public comments were made.

Morrison moved pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat Sections 84-1410 that the Kimball City Council enter into closed session at 5:55 p.m. for the protection of the public interest, to discuss personnel matters re: city staff and potential/pending claims against the City. Mayor Morrison excused the public and all staff. Morrison invited Police Chief Bremer, Attorney Terry Waite, and Attorney William Rounsberg from North Platte to attend.

Motion by Ingram and seconded by Pike to move out of executive closed session at 6:10 p.m.

Motion by Ingram and seconded by Muench to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

John Morrison, Mayor

Kim Barnwell, City Clerk