Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2023

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 5:03 p.m. on April 4, 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 Administrator Brower, 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 5:03 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 stated that the public hearing for the addition to zone district: Mixed Use development district (MUDD) to the City of Kimball would not take place because the Planning Commission tabled the item and did not recommend it to go forward to the Council.

Morrison opened the discussion on the approval of the semi-truck parking Ordinance No. 814. He stated that he would open the floor for public comments and the Council members would discussion among themselves with no public comments allowed. Multiple comments were made by the public referring to issues foreseen by the ordinance. Council discussed the issues presented by the public and wanted to attempt to accommodate as many of the issues as possible to stay within the realm of the ordinance. City Attorney Turman was present via telephone for comments and recommendations. After discussion, motion by Ingram and seconded by Warner to approve Ordinance No. 814 effective immediately with the following amendments: change towing to hauling; change towed to hauled; limit one truck per household; limit to thirty-six hours allowed to park at resident's property for personal conveyance; no truck idling allowed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. except during extreme weather of ten degrees or below of fifteen minutes very sixty minutes; extended parking allowed with the permission of the City Police Chief. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. City Attorney stated he would make the amendments to the ordinance for Mayor Morrison to sign.

Motion by Ingram and seconded by Muench to introduce Ordinance No. 814, 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: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Morrison read Ordinance No. 814 by title only: An ordinance of the City of Kimball, Kimball County, Nebraska, to amend Title XIII, Chapter 133, of the City of Kimball Municipal Code by adding Section 133.49 – Parking and Storage of Certain Vehicles in Residential Zones Prohibited; Repealing All Ordinances in Conflict with this Ordinance; Providing an Effective Date Hereof; and Providing for Publication in Pamphlet Form.

Morrison opened the discussion on Zelle HR Contract. After discussion, motion by Ingram and seconded by Pike to direct the City Attorney to draft a non-renewal statement to Zelle HR. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened to approve the Mayor's appointment of Don Muench to the Panhandle's RWFH board. Motion by Ingram and seconded by Warner to approve the Mayor's appointment of Don Muench to the Panhandle's RWFH board. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened to approve the Mayor's appointment of Greg Robinson to the Board of Public Works Board. Motion by Pike and seconded by Ingram to approve the Mayor's appointment of Greg Robinson to the Board of Public Works Board. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened to approve the Mayor's appointment of Paula Tarango as City Clerk. Motion by Warner and seconded by Pike to approve the Mayor's appointment of Paula Tarango as City Clerk. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened discussion for approval of the Employment Agreement between Tarango and the City. Motion by Warner and seconded by Pike to approve the Employment Agreement between Tarango and the City. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened discussion for approval of the handbook amendment pertaining to Fire School Policy. Motion by Ingram and seconded by Pike to approve the handbook amendment pertaining to Fire School Policy. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Morrison updated that he has been working with the hiring of the City Clerk and the Water Superintendent. He stated that Senator Ricketts will be meeting with elected officials tomorrow regarding the Air Force coming to Kimball; town hall meetings will be in a couple of weeks and encourage the public to attend for their input regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

City Administrator updated that the Power Generation bid deadline was due and that the bids would be presented to the Council; departments were staying busy; the audit for fiscal year twenty-two is complete and the CPA will present to the Council at the May 2 meeting. She also stated that the town halls were being held in a couple of weeks and business was as usual for the City offices.

Police Chief Bremer updated that the Police Department was holding weekly training and opened the trainings up to the City of Kimball employees every Thursday at 2:00 p.m.; Rebecca Morrison will be doing the Prep test for the Police Academy on April 10.

The next regular schedule meeting will be April 18, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Morrison opened the floor for any public comments. Additional public comments were made.

There being no further business, motion by Ingram and seconded by Pike to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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John Morrison, Mayor Annette Brower, City Clerk/Admin.