Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
June 6, 2023

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 5:04 p.m. on June 06, 2023, held at the City Council Chambers, 223 S. Chestnut St. Council members, Pike, Muench, Ingram and Warner were present. Also, present was Mayor Morrison, City Administrator Annette Brower, City Treasurer Klassen, and City Clerk Tarango. The public was represented in the meeting.

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 5:04 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Pike, Muench, Ingram and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Morrison acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

No public hearing.

Mayor Morrison opened discussion on details of sidewalk improvement plans. Per Morrison, we need to continue the conversation and gather additional information and/or feedback to make an informed decision. Multiple board members participated. Board member Ingram: I am okay with it, as we get more traffic, we would not want anyone to trip and get hurt. Board member Pike: We need to think on how to make it attractive and safe for the community. Board member Warner: We need funding to be the appropriate percentages. No action taken (Discussion only)

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Warner to discuss and approve the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan project presented by Olsson. A representative of Olsson gave a summarized presentation and overall view of such. Board members participated by asking questions and suggesting a yearly re-visit with Olsson as needed to keep up to date on any issues, changes and other things that may arise. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Muench, seconded by Pike to approve the dispersal of funds to Twin Cities Development for commitment to Rural Workforce Housing Fund. City Administrator Brower spoke on previous commitments of such. Board member Muench expressed the need of promoting it and Ingram suggested running it through Economic Development, Facebook, and other social media platforms. Board member Warner suggested adding it to the City of Kimball website. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Keith Marvin from Marvin Planning gave a brief update on the DRAFT blight and substandard area study sharing that the legal description would be the biggest change they would have to make on it. Board members participated by asking questions and interacting with presenters.

Per Marvin, he will return for the Council meeting on the 20th. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, Warner. Nay: None, Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Muench to recommend the approval to the City Council on business improvement grant to GRI for $5,860.33. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Muench, seconded by Pike to Discuss and consider Keno funds request from Northern Colorado Friends of Ferals for trapping and altering of thirty (30) strays. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Muench to approve the mayor's appointment of Austin Janicek to the board of Public Works. The following votes were recorded: Muench, Ingram, Pike, Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Muench to approve the mayor's appointment of Steve Pattison as a Citizens Advisory Committee member. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Warner to approve the Consent agenda items as one item, (upon correction) of minutes from May 16 of 2023. Ingram found a discrepancy that must be fixed. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike, Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Morrison's report: Things are going well, all projects moving along and lots of good things happening. Looking forward to what is to come.

Board member's Muench's report: All these projects that we are working on such as the annexation is an incredibly positive change for the community, and a step in the right direction, it might cause a bit of a disruption because change is hard, and we will endure growing pains. I encourage everyone to attend the meetings and get informed, keep the input coming as it is always welcomed.

Board member Pike's report: Airport authority closed the runway; things are moving along very well, and everything is on schedule. The yearly leases for the airport hangars will change and prices will go up. Another change that will occur is the hangars will be designated for aviation use only. There are a few planning commission meetings that I have missed, and I know I need to be better with that. There is a conflict with the hospital and the pool committee's meetings, I am part of both meetings, and they are scheduled at the same time so we will need to figure out a solution for that.

Board member Warner's report: Have not done housing authority quite yet but the pool authority met as a group, we got the ball rolling again. We are discussing how to proceed forward, different financial options and trying to figure out the rest of the plan. We are moving along, slowly but surely.

Board member Ingram's report: Loan advisory has been doing good, GRI, the Japanese restaurants are some of the customers we have helped and are currently working on another deal (unable to disclose the name of the customer). There is an empty spot on the school board, applications are open, but we've have not seen a lot of interest. Currently working on potential

fund-raising ideas to help all sports, (potentially mirror Pine Bluffs find raiser) Currently our teaching jobs are full. The bathrooms are being upgraded, the entire floor was taken out and might also upgrade parking lot at Mary Lynch. Our schools are doing good and continue to receive state recognition among others, I would love the idea of putting up a big banner to display such accomplishments for the purpose of sharing with our community. The golf tournament will be on July 29.

City Administrator's report Brower: Everyone is busy right now. The pool opened successfully; we currently have twelve (12) lifeguards. Will be doing swimming lessons through the Red Cross. Currently working with the hospital to create city water supply in two separate locations. Also working on VISION metering and making sure that is where it needs to be. We have a great plan for the dog water park, unfortunately while we were working on the watering feature, another company hit one of the main water lines and are currently fixing that before we can proceed forward.

Chief of Police Jose Ruiz's report: We have had a busy past couple of weeks, multiple arrests, animal rescues, traffic stops, etc. Working diligently on interviewing candidates/applicants for our department and looking forward to those interviews.

Board member Muench requested next city council meeting time to be pushed back to 6:00pm

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, June 20th at 6:00pm.

Morrison opened the opportunity for the public to speak. The public was represented.

There being no further business, motion by Morrison and seconded by Pike to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 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 Paula Tarango, City Clerk