Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
July 18, 2023

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. on July 18, 2023, held at the City Council Chambers, 223 S. Chestnut St. Council members, Pike, Muench, and Ingram 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 5:02 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Pike, Muench, and Ingram. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Morrison acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

Warren Cico led the room in prayer.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Muench to approve the consent agenda items as one which includes, minutes from the meeting held on 06/20/2023, minutes from the special meeting held on 06/21/2023, minutes from the meeting held on 06/22/2023, claims and financials. The following votes were recorded: Muench, Ingram, Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened a public hearing at 5:03pm for: Addition of Zone District Mixed Use Development District (MUDD) to the City of Kimball. The public was represented.

Morrison closed the public hearing at 5:04pm. The public was represented.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Pike to approve **ordinance #820 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND ARTICLE 3 "ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS" OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL ZONING ORDINANCE, ADDING SECTION 11-318 "MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (MUDD)"; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.** The following votes were recorded, Aye: Muench, Ingram, and Pike. Absent: Warner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Pike to approve waiving three (3) readings for: Ordinance No. **#820 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND ARTICLE 3 "ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS" OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL ZONING ORDINANCE, ADDING SECTION 11-318 "MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (MUDD)"; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.** The following votes were recorded, Aye: Muench, Ingram, and Pike. Absent: Warner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened a public hearing at 5:05pm for - **Potential designation of certain areas**

of the City of Kimball, Nebraska as blighted and substandard under the Nebraska Community Development Law, in accordance with blight and substandard study prepared by Marvin Planning Consultants. The public was represented.

Morrison closed public hearing at 5:08pm. The public was represented.

Motion by Muench, seconded by Ingram on Consideration and potential action on Resolution 2023-13, designating certain areas of the City of Kimball, Nebraska, as blighted and substandard under the Nebraska Community Development Law, in accordance with blight and substandard study prepared by Marvin Planning Consultants. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Piper Sandler gave a brief presentation on the additional bonding for power generation projects and discussion on any future projects. Board members participated by asking questions and making comments. This was a discussion only, no action taken.

Police Officer Sergeant Jose Juan Farias Barboza was officially sworn in by City Clerk Paula Tarango.

Police Officer Colton McKenzie was officially sworn in by City Clerk Paula Tarango.

Motion by Muench, seconded by Pike to buy an SUV per Jose Ruiz Chief of Police request for the Police Department and transfer the current truck to another city department. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Pike to Discuss and approve Access Easement over Howard Street from the City to Clean Harbors subdivision. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike. Absent: Warner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Muench to approve the Mayor's signature on the Access Easement to Clean Harbors subdivision upon closing of sale of land. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike. Absent: Warner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened on the agenda item of discussing missile removal, drainage ditch and park improvements at Gotte Park, per Morrison, we need to start conversating and coming up with a plan on how to improve the look and status of the current ditch. Any other ideas from board members are welcome. It is important that we prioritize our park. All board members agreed to table the discussion on the removal of the missile due to board member Ingram's wish to reach out to previous individuals that expressed interest in donating a large sum of money to have the missile rebuilt and restored for the purpose of keeping it on the same location that it is today. Per Ingram, there are only two in the nation, and it would be amazing if we could keep ours if we fix it. The city will wait to hear from the Military Museum after we provide them with pictures and a plan. Once they tell us the cost, the Council will decide. Discussion only. No action was taken.

Morrison opened discussion on approval of proposal from Alarm Security Tech for cameras at Gotte Park. Per board member Muench, he would like to table the conversation/approval until a second proposal is received. All board members agreed. No action taken.

Motion by Muench, seconded by Pike to approve the bid from Roy's Landscaping and Sprinkler Systems for city building office window. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Motion by Muench, seconded by Pike to approve the Resolution 2023-01, Setting Property Tax Request for Airport Authority for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Per City Administrator Brower, this agenda item was approved by the Airport Authority at the July 17th of 2023 meeting. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike. Absent: Warner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Muench to approve the implementation of the sidewalk improvement plan. Board members agreed on approving the maximum amount of $2,500 as a start and adjusting as needed basis in the future. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike. Absent: Warner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Muench, seconded by Pike to approve the Keno Grant – Kimball Senior Center. The Council board members agreed on the maximum amount of $2000 to be granted. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike. Absent: Warner. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Muench to approve the business improvement grant in the amount of $3907.68 – Woody's Liquor. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Ingram to approve the business improvement grant in the amount of $13,776.80 – Edi Yanto (Old Lit Bit of Country) Upon proof of completion, recipient must provide pictures and/or documentation where it shows completion. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Motion by Muench, seconded by Ingram to approve the tree grant information pamphlet. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike. Absent: Warner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Reports –

Mayor Morrison – Don't have any big news, other than the Nicola Property Annexation has been approved and finalized, which is very exciting news. The public will have the opportunity to participate and ask questions in the upcoming weeks and meetings that will be held specifically for that purpose. Also, there was an unfortunate incident about a newspaper article that was posted. Only one comment will be made about it. This happened two years ago and there was different administration working at the city building, people are encouraged to bring solutions to the table instead of just issues. Please remember that we have rules and regulations that we must follow.

Board member Muench – Workforce Housing Development Program is going well. People are encouraged to look into it and explore the options of such a great resource. It is a no interest loan, and it would raise the quality of life in Kimball. The airport runway is ready to be reopened, it's just waiting for inspection. Member gave a couple more updates.

Board member Pike – Property Tax Request was approved by the airport Authority. The sidewalk entry way was approved. We currently have a mower that will be putting up for auction online and will be sending that to the city clerk as soon as we gather all the necessary information to post it. Member Pike gave additional updates.

Board member Ingram – School board finally filled the Chauncy Pedersen's role at the school, they will be starting in December. Currently the golf classic and banquet fund raiser are going great. We want to keep community-based fundraisers that will come back to our school and/or athletic program/department. We want to support the kids as much as we can, and we truly feel that this will be a success. We already have 19 teams signed up for the golf tournament.

City Administrator Brower – Business as usual, everyone is busy. Currently working on upgrading our recycling center, doing some interior work on the ceiling. Also, there will be a brand-new fence going up to replace the existing one. We are also getting bids to get the exterior improved and fixed. Water Waste Treatment Plant is moving forward with their project, expecting to hear back on our grant by August 8th. The 4th of July pool party was a success, even with the weather shortening our time, the kids and folks had a blast. Thank you to all our sponsors that made this possible. I sent personal, signed thank you notes to each of them. We got cameras installed in South Sub, slowly working on installation of security system throughout the city at all our departments. Currently prepping ground for the new power plant building. Thanks to Z and S for handling the concrete removal, since it was 4' deep our guys could not do it on their own. Streets repairs are ongoing, thank you to the kids who helped with the crosswalk painting. The dog park is ready to go, there is a great concrete pad and a water fountain. Currently working on our capital improvement plan. Brower gave additional updates.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, August 1st at 5:00pm.

There being no further business, motion by Ingram, seconded by Muench to adjourn the meeting at 6:27p.m. 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