Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting with Budget Workshop
August 1, 2023

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. on August 1, 2023, held at the City Council Chambers, 223 S. Chestnut St. Council members, Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner were present. Also, present was Mayor Morrison, City Administrator Annette Brower, City Treasurer Klassen, and City Attorney Matt Turman. 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 5:00 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Morrison acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Morrison led the room in prayer.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Pike to approve the consent agenda items as one which includes, minutes from the meeting held on 07/18/2023, claims and financials. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened a public hearing at 5:05 p.m. for: The issuance of combined utilities revenue bonds, series 2023 of the City of Kimball, Nebraska, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars ($2,500,000) for the purposes of financing improvements to and expansion of the city's electric system and other improvements to the city's combined utilities systems. The public was represented.

Scott Keene with Piper Sandler was present via Zoom to discuss the bonds with Council. There were no public comments.

Morrison closed the public hearing at 5:12 p.m. the public was represented.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Warner to approve **ORDINANCE # 823: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF COMBINED UTILITIES REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2023, OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, NEBRASKA, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,500,000) FOR THE PURPOSES OF FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS TO AND EXPANSION OF THE CITY'S ELECTRIC SYSTEM AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMBINED UTILITIES SYSTEMS, FUNDING A DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND FOR SAID BONDS AND PAYING COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS; DIRECTING THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID BONDS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND DETAILS OF**

SAID BONDS; PLEDGING AND HYPOTHECATING THE REVENUE AND EARNINGS OF THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, WATERWORKS PLANT AND WATER SYSTEM AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY OF SAID CITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS AND INTEREST THEREON; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND APPLICATION OF THE REVENUES OF SAID SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, WATERWORKS PLANT AND WATER SYSTEM AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY; AUTHORIZING OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE BONDS; ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY WITH THE HOLDERS OF SAID BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM. The following votes were recorded, Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Muench, seconded by Pike to approve waiving three (3) readings for: Ordinance No. **ORDINANCE # 823: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF COMBINED UTILITIES REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2023, OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, NEBRASKA, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,500,000) FOR THE PURPOSES OF FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS TO AND EXPANSION OF THE CITY'S ELECTRIC SYSTEM AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMBINED UTILITIES SYSTEMS, FUNDING A DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND FOR SAID BONDS AND PAYING COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS; DIRECTING THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID BONDS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND DETAILS OF SAID BONDS; PLEDGING AND HYPOTHECATING THE REVENUE AND EARNINGS OF THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, WATERWORKS PLANT AND WATER SYSTEM AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY OF SAID CITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS AND INTEREST THEREON; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND APPLICATION OF THE REVENUES OF SAID SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, WATERWORKS PLANT AND WATER SYSTEM AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY; AUTHORIZING OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE BONDS; ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY WITH THE HOLDERS OF SAID BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.** The following votes were recorded, Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Warner, seconded by Pike to approve Mayor's signature on the Nebraska Machinery Company LLC (NMC) contract for Power Generation Project agreement between the owner and the builder. The following votes were recorded, Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Douglas Loudon from Olsson presented the Water FINAL study. Recommendation from the Board of Public Works to accept the Water FINAL study. Motion by Ingram, seconded by Muench to receive and accept the Water FINAL study from Olsson. The following votes were recorded, Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Amy Sapp, P.A.D.D, was present and discussed how P.A.D.D. could handle the City of Kimball Abatements. P.A.D.D. would do everything from creating quadrants to sending letters and if need be, follow up with legal action. Sapp will have a follow up meeting with City Administrator Brower and City Attorney Turman. No action was taken.

Morrison opened on the agenda item of discussing the Business Improvement Grant program through LB840, allowing for business loans only. The Council agreed to make the following recommendations to the Citizens Advisory Board for consideration in tightening up the use of the remaining funds. No loans going past the 2030 ending date, no grants, and to tie loans to real-estate when it can be used as collateral for the loan. No action was taken.

Morrison opened discussion on approval of the Building Inspector/Health Inspector job description, salary and job opening. Following discussion, motion by Warner, seconded by Muench to approve the Building/Health Inspector job description and begin advertising for the position. The following votes were recorded, Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Amber Sweetland, Director Kimball Public Library, presented her draft 2023-2024 budget for the Kimball Library and discussed the repair of one of the three heating units and a few other projects. No action was taken.

City Administrator Brower went over the draft FY 23/24 General Revenue Estimates Budget. Reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan items and indicated that these will need to be discussed more at future meetings. No action was taken.

Reports were given under Public Comments –

Mayor Morrison – Air Force has stated that they are willing to help with the removal of the missel and to see if it can be repaired. Feels that the community is looking good and if we continue to work together it will improve how people passing thru sees us. Would like to see a group come together to help those people who are not able to work on their yards etc. due to health or financial struggles. Good things are happening, but hard decisions are going to have to be made in the future.

City Administrator Brower – Shared flyer regarding the upcoming NE Apex Accelerator quarterly meeting for businesses who are interested in working with the Sentinel Missile project. Power Plant test tomorrow, 8/2/23. The 3rd gateway for the Vision meters should be up and going on Thursday, we received the last part that we needed. Budget meetings comping up for Board of Public Works 8/8, Cemetery 8/14, City 8/15, Park & Rec Executive Board 8/15, and the Airport on 8/21. The Antelope Stampede Gravel Bike Race is coming back for the 2nd year. City is allowing campers in the park from 8/11 – 8/13.

Board member Muench – Rural Work Force has approved the funding for the duplexes adjacent to the Sagebrush and Days Inn.

Police Chief Ruiz – Two weeks along since last report, working on six abatements, five of which are with the City Attorney. Working on Semi Parking violations. 81 service calls including welfare checks, drunk person, runaway, disturbance calls, medical assist, and traffic stops, DUI, domestic assault, child abuse, working on tips for a wanted person from

Texas. Recent applicant has passed first round of testing and next will be background checks. Due to the nature of the job mental health is something he takes seriously. Through local grant funding, the Kimball Police Department has access to Smith Psychological to help officers with handling the stress of the job and conduct debriefs.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, August 15th at 5:00pm.

There being no further business, motion by Ingram, seconded by Muench to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. The following votes were recorded, Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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John Morrison, Mayor City Clerk