Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting & Budget Workshop
August 15, 2023

A public budget adoption hearing meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 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 5:02 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded Aye: Morrison, Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Morrison acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

Pastor Randy Bohac led the room in prayer.

Motion by Warner, seconded by Pike to approve the consent agenda items as one which includes, minutes from the meeting held on 08/01/2023, 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 5:03 p.m. to amend Title XIII General Offenses, Chapter 132, by adding Section 132.10 to the Municipal Code of the City of Kimball; repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for publication in pamphlet form; and providing for an effective date hereof.

Police Chief Jose Ruiz was present and discussed the need for this update to help the police in their day-to-day job.

Morrison closed the public hearing at 5:07 p.m. the public was represented.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Muench to approve **ORDINANCE NO. 824: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND TITLE XIII GENERAL OFFENSES, CHAPTER 132, BY ADDING SECTION 132.10 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.** On roll call the following votes were recorded Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Warner, seconded by Muench to approve waiving three (3) readings for: **ORDINANCE NO. 824: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND TITLE XIII GENERAL OFFENSES, CHAPTER 132, BY ADDING**

SECTION 132.10 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. On roll call the following votes were recorded Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Chief Ruiz presented and discussed the Kimball Ordinance Wavier Fee Schedule, commented that these are already in our ordinances this just puts them all in one place. Motion by Pike, seconded by Ingram approve the updated Kimball Ordinance wavier Schedule as presented. On roll call the following votes were recorded Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Christy Warner, Transit Administrator Kimball County Transit Service (KCTS), presented an update on the services that have been provided for the City of Kimball residents. In the last fiscal year KCTS has provided 18,246 rides to 1,229 city residents just within the City of Kimball, which makes up 57% of all their rides. Warner is requesting that the city consider providing local match to the 5311 grants for the transit service provided inside the City Limits during their budget process. The Council listened to the presentation and request; no action was taken.

Judith Beatty, Kimball Citizen, asked to discuss Ordinance #799, 5th Wheel and RV Habitation. Beatty stated that she felt like it was not enforced equally and wanted to know the status. Morrison stated that the Ordinance was passed to help prevent people from renting out their backyard as had happened during the last major growth. Drain on City utilities and infrastructure was another concern when the Ordinance was passed. Morrison indicated if you feel that people are violating the ordinance then bring that to the police department's attention. The Council listened to her concerns; no action was taken.

Discussion was held on the resolution for the Area of Operations for Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA). This is for two pieces of land that have been identified and that the CRA would like to put an option to purchase on. Motion by Ingram, seconded by Pike to approve and adopt Resolution #2023-14 Area of Operation for Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA). On roll call the following votes were recorded Aye: Ingram, Muench, and Pike. Abstain: Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Muench, seconded by Pike to approve the Business Infrastructure Grant from Woody's Liquor. On roll call the following votes were recorded Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Micah Neill, Zelle, presented a contract for the 2023-2024 year. Neill reviewed the services that Zelle has done in the past year with the Council and goals for the upcoming year. The council asked if the contract could be altered to coincide with the City's fiscal year budget review. Neill and City Administrator Brower indicated they could work that out. The Council listened to the presentation and request; no action was taken.

Pike led a discussion on a 4-way stop at 2nd/Chestnut for safety concerns. Pike indicated that when parking in downtown is full it creates a blind spot for vehicles on 2nd street. Following discussion and checking with Attorney Turman, motion by Pike seconded by Muench to create a

4-way stop at the intersection of 2nd/Chestnut. On roll call the following votes were recorded Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison led the discussion regarding the City's Economic Development position. Comments were added by Ingram that they are looking at modeling the ED position like the one in Ogalla, NE which is a separate 501(c)(3) entity and rand from a separate board. Ogalla's is a joint effort between the City Council of Ogalla and the Keith County Commissioners. Ingram request is that at this time just to have a budget line added so that a Joint City Council/County Commissioner meeting can be held during the budget discussions. The Council listened to the presentation and request; no action was taken.

Morrison opened the review of the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget and asked that Brower lead the discussion through the departments.

Discussion held on Economic Development. Brower reported that the sales tax would be received through the end of December. The Citizens Advisory Committee & Loan Advisory Committee are holding a joint meeting on August 23, 2023, to discuss future guidelines for the grants and loans under LB840. Council members indicated salary would possibly go to the joint position with the County if that went into effect.

Brower reminded Council that Library Director Amber Sweetland presented her budget at the last meeting and there were no changes there.

Brower reviewed the Cemetery budget and indicated no big changes from last year. The Cemetery Board met on August 14, 2023, and reviewed and adopted the budget. Cemetery Board is wanting start replacing the roads and will be putting money aside into reserves for this capital improvements project.

The Community Redevelopment Agency just has the $100,000 that will go towards them purchasing property to clean up etc. and get back out for sale. No changes from last year.

Brower reviewed the Keno budget and much stays the same. The Council directed Brower to transfer the 75% to the Parks and Pool and to start working on the design and purchase of new equipment.

Discussion held on the Police Department budget. Chief Ruiz spoke on two new line requests. The C.O.P.S. Program is to help the department have the opportunity to interact with the public in positive ways, such as the national Night Out, Farmers Day etc. The second line item is the Citizen Assistance that could be used to help individuals traveling through Kimball to continue on their way, examples would be a tank of gas, a repaired tire, again simple fixes.

Discussion held on the Parks department and Council stated not to worry about trying to get additional bids for cameras for Gotte Park. Brower will move the funds from Keno to Parks and start the process of having designs drawn up.

Discussion held on Fire Maintenance and Fire Equipment, no changes to Fire Maintenance. Under Fire Equipment Chief Andy Bohac has reported that the department's air packs are all outdated. A proposal for twenty new air packs was reviewed. The Council has directed Brower & Bohac to see if we could purchase ten outright, lease ten for seven years and then we would own them. Then going forward add one new air pack yearly and start a rotation so that all air packs do not expire all at once.

Brower opened discussion on the Pool budget. The Pool Study was handed out to the Council. Brower discussed that the pool needs new heaters, we have limped the existing heaters along as much as we can. The pool also needs to have repairs done including a new ladder & concrete work, sandblasting pool & kiddie pool and recoating just to name a few. Morrison indicated that Council should review the pool study and that hard decisions are going to have to be made.

Brower led the discussion through the General budget. The Council directed Brower to spread the salary for the new Building/Health Inspector across General & the Utilities Budget. Will add in line for the request from KCTS.

Brower opened discussion on the Streets budget. Budget is basically the same as previous year. Discussion was held on the old state yard building and upkeep that needs done. The building has no electricity and is used for storage by the Streets Department. After reviewing the two proposals the Council okayed putting in $5,000 for sandblasting and painting. Brower presented pictures and an estimate from Streets Supervisor Jim Shoup of the most problematic areas, total estimate coming to $175,200. The Council directed Brower to include the $175,200 into the budget and see what it looks like.

Brower reported that the Airport budget would be voted on by the Airport Authority on Monday, August 21, 2023.

Mayor Morrison –This weekend we saw the good and the bad. What started off as a small leak turned into issues with valves breaking. City employees came together and not only communicated with the surrounding business owners, but with each other and it showed when there were members from all the departments chipping in and working on getting the issue fixed.

City Administrator Brower – Shared the same thoughts as the mayor on the water valve issue. Praised the crews for how they worked through the night to ensure that surrounding businesses had water during their working hours. Shows what can be done when we all come together and work as a team.

Board Members – No new reports.

Police Chief Ruiz –Working on six abatements, 34 are complete and four of which are with the City Attorney. Since the last report we've had 87 calls ranging from welfare checks, disturbance calls, suspicious vehicles, public indecency, assisted with a police chase. Regarding staffing, the individual from Kansas has passed the background check and next are the polygraph, and physic evaluation. Will be interviewing another lateral candidate next week.

Motioned by Muench, seconded by Ingram to set the Joint City Council/Board of Public Works Budget Meeting for August 29, 2023, 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.
Motioned by Pike, seconded by Ingram to set the regular City Council Meeting for September 5, 2023, 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.

Public comments: None.

There being no further business, motion by Warner, seconded by Pike to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 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