Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
January 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2024, held at the City Council Chambers, 223 S. Chestnut St. Council members, Ingram, Muench, and Warner. Absent: Morrison and Pike Also, present was City Clerk Paula Tarango, City Treasurer Klassen, and 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council President Muench called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, Warner, and Muench. Nay: None. Absent: Pike and Morrison. Motion carried.

Muench acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Warner to approve the consent agenda items as one which includes, minutes from the meeting held on December 14 of 2023 and the special meeting held on December 19th of 2023. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Muench, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: Pike and Morrison. Motion carried.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Warner to approve Don Muench, Council President's signature on bank cards for Points West, First Tier and Kimball State Bank. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram and Warner. Absent: Morrison and Pike. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Muench to approve the business grant for Patriot Carwash, LLC of $25,000 to be paid upon completion of project. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: Pike and Morrison. Motion carried.

Amber Sweetland presented the Kimball public library's yearly report. Some of the Statistics provided were as follows: 1,770 active library user accounts, 131 of which are new users, patrons visited the library 10641 times throughout the year, 9,982 materials were checked out, $169,346.12 was saved by the community, meeting rooms were used 118 times, notary acts were performed 39 times, the library was open 287 days, public computers were used 945 times, the library holds 26,059 items and 1,049 items were removed, overdrive, our online library, was used 4,495 times, 142 programs were hosted by the library, 1,593 people attended, Kimball Makerspace was used 121 times. Additional reports were provided.

Megan Patent-Nygren Nebraska LTAP presented the Road Safety Assessment Report on the intersection of 2nd and Chestnut in Kimball. After describing the project and providing information on data and documentation, assumptions, and site visits some of the findings were

as follows: Sight distance is adequate for the speed limit posted, current signage is in compliance with the MUTCD and in good condition, traffic volumes do not suggest the need for additional regulatory signage, the ornamental crosswalks are not compliant with current MUTCD requirements, the seating and street trees provide areas to encourage pedestrians and other vulnerable road users, the sidewalks are wide, pavers on the edge of the sidewalk are difficult to maintain in a way that is safe for pedestrians and the disabled, the new Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) requirements for ADA compliance specify the split curb ramps with ADA-compliant mats to align with crosswalks. Additional updates and information provided. Discussion only. No action taken.

Muench informed all present in the meeting that Marvin Planning, presentation of the final Comprehensive Plan and Zoning has been postponed until the Council meeting of February 20th due to technical difficulties. Discussion only, no action taken.

Reports –

Mayor John Morrison – City Clerk Paula Tarango informed all present in the meeting that Mayor will be attending all meetings via zoom due to being in the State of Texas.

Council President – Don Muench – Nothing to report currently.

Council Member - Gabe Ingram – Friday, January 19 will be the New Gaming Commission meeting via Webex. No additional information to report currently.

Council Member Warner – Nothing to report on currently.

Chief of Police – Jose Ruiz – Since the last Council meeting there have been 149 for service. The calls ranged from parking violations, dogs at large, harassment, theft, fraud, trespassing, vandalism, assault, domestic violence, cyber-crimes, suspicious person, traffic stops, to deceased person, and others. We have also assisted the sheriff's department with multiple assignments. The Police Department takes pride in working together with the State Patrol, and the Sheriff's Department.

Meeting attendee from the public Austin Gardner arose his personal concern about longevity pay for the Police Department. Gardner gave a brief explanation of what the implementation would look like. Council President Muench suggested Gardner to reach out to City Administrator Annette, to be added to the agenda for the upcoming Council meeting and possibly provide additional information on the subject such as a PowerPoint presentation and/or pamphlets. The public was represented.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 5:00pm.

There being no further business, motion by Ingram, seconded by Warner to adjourn the meeting at 5:49p.m. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Muench, and Warner Nay: None. Absent: Morrison and Pike. Motion carried.

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Don Muench, Council President City Clerk