Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2024

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. on February 20, 2024, held at the City Council Chambers, 223 S. Chestnut St. Council members, Ingram, Muench, and Pike were present. Absent: Morrison and Warner. Also, present was City Clerk Paula Tarango, City Administrator Annette Brower, 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.

Rodger Gillming led the room in Prayer.

Council President Muench called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, Pike and Muench. Nay: None. Absent: Warner 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 January 16, 2024, claims and financials. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Muench, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner and Morrison. Motion carried.

Council President Muench opened the public hearing at 5:05 p.m. for the one- and six-year Streets plan. Streets Superintendent Shoup was present and did a brief update on the plan. A few public comments were made. Muench closed the public hearing at 5:12 p.m.

Council President Muench opened the public hearing at 5:13p.m. for the **ORDINANCE _826__ OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND ARTICLE 3 "ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS" SECTION 11-307.3(1)1 AND ARTICLE 10 "OFF STREET PARKING" SECTION 11-1003 OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL ZONING ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.** The public was represented. Muench closed the public hearing at 5:14p.m.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Muench to approve the one-and six-year Streets plan. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, and Pike. Absent: Warner and Morrison. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Muench for passage during the first reading **of ORDINANCE _826__ OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND ARTICLE 3 "ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS" SECTION 11-307.3(1)1 AND ARTICLE 10 "OFF STREET PARKING" SECTION 11-1003 OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL ZONING ORDINANCE; 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 and Morrison. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Ingram to wave the three readings and accept the passage of ordinance **#826** during the first reading. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner and Morrison. Motion carried.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Pike to approve the request of Keno funds in the amount of $1000 (One thousand dollars) from Post-Prom Committee (Jamie Murdoch) The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Ingram, Pike. Absent: Warner and Morrison. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jacob Bradley from Olsson Engineering joined the Council meeting via ZOOM to explain final details on the Master Agreement for the 10-year Electrical Master Plan.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Ingram to approve the recommendation by BPW for the Master Agreement Olsson for 10-year Electrical Master Plan. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Pike, Muench, and Ingram. Nay: None. Absent: Warner and Morrison. Motion carried.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Pike to approve the purchase of a Cargo Glide and the bed cap which includes installation for $5,657.99. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Pike, and Ingram. Nay: None. Absent: Warner and Morrison. Motion carried.

Chief of Police Jose Ruiz discussed the need to purchase a K-9 for the City of Kimbal Police Department. Ruiz explained that a 6-month-old female yellow lab is available, and a female is preferred due to the temperament, the dog will be trained in tracking specific street drugs, it will also be certified by the State of Nebraska. The dog will be ready in September of 2024. The department is looking to hire a handler for the K9 by or before 09/2024. Once hired they will receive intense training and certification including an 85-hour course. If a handler is not hired by or before 09/2024, Chief Ruiz will take over and handle the K9.

Motion by Muench, seconded by Ingram to approve and implement a K-9 Program and purchase of a K-9 to be budgeted in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Pike, and Ingram. Nay: None. Absent: Morrison and Warner. Motion carried.

John Shepard from Marvin Planning joined the City Council meeting via ZOOM he presented the final version of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning. Board members participated by asking questions and making comments.

Reports –

Annette Brower – City Administrator – Daily business is busy and going well. The car wash is almost complete. The Clean Harbor apartments by the manor are moving along, they have started grading and moving dirt. Olsson Engineering will be here next week to do surveys on sewer extensions. Antelope Ridge subdivision final plans have been submitted, there will be a

30-day review period for the County. The city has had a very busy spring. 25 meters have been installed at the Stahla mobile home park. WWTP 60% design is on track. The landfill is staying busy – we are looking to get bids for trucks, they take roughly 1 year to get. Shout out to our streets department, they have been working every weekend due to the inclement weather, thank you to the entire team for staying on top of that. The pool is opening as planned. Arnold Pool will be here in April to refurbish the existing pool and heaters will be installed. The pool is opening on schedule as planned. Brower provided additional updates.

Council board member Pike – Pike missed the Airport meeting, but Ryan had a great picture in the newspaper and that was great to see.

Council board member Ingram – 4-day school will be starting next year. We will be having a special Executive Board meeting on February 28 if we are able to get a quorum. Agenda items will be added later.

Council President – Don Muench – Rural workforce housing is still there, if anyone knows anyone that might be interested send them their way. There is currently a house being renovated in Gering and the difference it makes for the city/town is amazing.

Chief of Police Jose Ruiz – We have had 197 Service calls since the last Council meeting. These include theft, fraud, assault, domestic violence, suspicious person, narcotic violation, lost child, suicide threats, and other. We have also assisted the State troopers and Sheriff's Department with traffic stops, fatal car accidents on I80 and other. There was a suspect arrested in Canon City that had previously committed a crime in Sidney, NE. This arrest happened thanks to our officer being proactive and following the correct protocol for such. There was an incident of a barricaded person in Kimball, everyone came out of that situation safe and sound, we made the correct most appropriate decision at the time, and we stand by it, it was a very complicated situation, but we take pride in the outcome and keeping everyone safe. Thank you to the State Troopers for assisting us with this case. Additional updates were provided.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 5:00pm.

There being no further business, motion by Muench, seconded by Ingram, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00p.m. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Muench, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Morrison and Warner. Motion carried.

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Don Muench, Council President City Clerk