Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
March 19, 2024

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. on March 19, 2024, held at the City Council Chambers, 223 S. Chestnut St. Council members, Ingram, Muench, Pike and Warner. Also, present was Mayor Morrison, City Administrator Annette Brower, 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.

Randy Bohach led the room in Prayer.

Morrison called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, Warner, Muench, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Morrison 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 February 20, 2024, claims, and financials. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Roger Kaczmarek, A Kimball citizen was present during the meeting to express concern about the new City billing interlocal agreement with the County for landfill billing. Morrison directed Kaczmarek to contact Kimball County regarding any/all matters related to this topic. Discussion only (No action taken.)

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Muench to approve the Keno request of $2,000.00 payable on a quarterly basis to continue the feral cat program. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jeri Ferguson, Kimball High School Civics Teacher, introduced her class for their presentation on Kimball's growth and amenities. Aspyn Kiefer, Julia Winstrom, Shannon Acheson, and Jessica Terrill spoke on behalf of the class. After extensive research and conducting a community survey, the Kimball High School students presented their vision for a Kimball Community recreational Center with an indoor pool. Mayor Morrison and Council thanked the students for their presentation, work and commitment to their community and discussed reuniting/restarting the Pool/Recreation committee. Discussion only (No action taken.)

Reports –

Mayor John Morrison – Stated that there is a lot going on and starting to happen with new developments.

Council President – Don Muench – Rural workforce housing is still available with money and funds to work with housing in Kimball.

Council board member Warner – Will work getting the pool/recreation center committee back together.

Annette Brower – City Administrator – Streets department will be starting to work on projects around town as well as the streets around the hospital. Dead trees are being removed from Gotte Park and looking to grants for getting them replaced. Speed sign has been moved to Chestnut St to alert those heading into to town to slow down, the wastewater treatment plant project is 65% done and power generator is 90% done and should start work in late summer. April will have three subdivisions hearings, planning on a busy spring.

Chief of Police Jose Ruiz – 139 Service calls since the last Council meeting. These include theft, fraud, assault, domestic violence, suspicious person, narcotic violation, wellness check, suicide threats, and other. We have also assisted the State troopers and Sheriff's Department with traffic stops. A new officer trainee is being certified on pepper ball and will be heading to the academy in April. Ruiz had a chance to meet Lucy the new K-9 pup earlier in the month and was pleased to announce that she had a ballistic vest and other items donated to keep her safe. Kimball PD has partnered with the Pine Bluffs PD for the Law Enforcement Youth Explorer Program for youth 13-21, a way to allow them to explore law/law enforcement/first responder areas. The department will be hosting a women's self-defense class soon and the Police Department has ad four AED machines donated.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 5:00pm.

There being no further business, motion by Ingram, seconded by Pike, to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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John Morrison, Mayor City Clerk