Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
April 2, 2024

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. April 2, 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, City Clerk Paula Tarango, 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.

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. Morrison acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Morrison led the room in Prayer.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Warner to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 19, 2024, upon corrections. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Kimball Citizen Kim Baliman gave an update and provided information about the 2025 All Class Reunion. Baliman is currently working on recruiting a chairperson to lead the project. Per Baliman, they would like to have more options this year and mix it up. A car show, wine tasting, and an art show at the park, among other ideas were mentioned. A memorial table for the alumni that have passed on has also been another topic. Baliman mentioned that Kimball has very honorable graduates such as Doctors, Hollywood folks, Generals, Law Enforcement, and others. The event will be named; The Karen Robinson and Harry McNees Class Reunion in memory of both due to passing on. Baliman invited board members to give input and ideas. Baliman said they might need monetary support down the road. Will keep everyone informed. Discussion only (No action taken)

Mayor Morrison stated that the following topics are strictly updates and no action will be taken during this council meeting.

City Administrator Brower gave an update and follow up on UNL downtown traffic study. A report has been issued by UNL, traffic and crash data from the study do not meet the mandatory requirements for a 4-way stop. There is much truck traffic and the existing route is not well marked. Mayor Morrison stated that he likes the idea of re-routing the truck route and possibly lowering the speed limit. Per Brower, Jim Shoup has placed pedestrian signs at all corners, and placed a digital speed sign on 71 South bound. Brower added that we asked NDOT for a traffic study on Highway 30 (East and West) with the purpose of lowering speed limits. The study is

happening as we speak, and it will take a couple of months to complete. Discussion only (No action taken).

City Administrator Brower provided an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades. Currently nearing the 100% design phase. Once completed, it will be submitted to NDEE. Have been working with USDA/NDEE providing information and answering questions for the WWAC NE Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee for funding purposes. Discussion only (No action taken).

City Administrator Brower gave an update on the Electrical Power Generation update. Working towards the 95% design phase. Olsson Electric will be on site for a meeting to discuss further. Currently working on the switchgear and the room size for it along with remote closing. Discussion only (No action taken).

City Administrator Brower gave an update on the Gotte Park equipment. Currently in the Pre-construction phase. During our next meeting we will need to have a discussion on how to dispose of the current equipment (Surplus or scrap) If the decision is to post on Surplus, Cunning Recreation is able to provide instructions on reassembling. Will be working on getting bids for bids once the specs are completed for the underlayment of the concrete for the pads and the addition of an ADA walkway from the parking lot. Discussion only. (No action taken).

City Administrator Brower shared with the council board members that Bobbi Pettit from Five Rule Planning will be doing a presentation on their vacant property registration program on the upcoming City Council meeting scheduled for May 7th of 2024 at 5:00pm. No further details given. Discussion only (No action taken).

City Administrator Brower opened discussion on the downtown business façade discussion. Mayor Morrison stated that we need to start a conversation about potentially bringing back façade grants. Discussion only (No action taken).

City Administrator Brower started discussion on restarting the Pool/Recreation Board Committee. Previous members were Mayor, Christy as Council rep, Trevor Anderson with schools, Stephanie Pederson with Health Services, Business owners Josh Enevoldsen, and Hannah Snyder, Craig and Casey from water department, Bob with the pool and during multiple occasions, the members opened it to the public. The pool study for both the current pool and proposed recreation center/indoor pool has been completed.

Reports –

Mayor John Morrison - The goal of this meeting was to get updates on all the agenda items listed.

City Administrator Brower – Still navigating through all the misconceptions on the landfill billing agreement with the County and adapting to working with county residents on vacant properties, etc. Streets will be re-installing the 4-way stop at Howard and 4th for better traffic control at the entrance to the new hospital. Currently in contact with the Nebraska Department of Resources (NRD) on upcoming flood mapping by the State of Nebraska. Working on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Draft, Zoning Review and Zoning Regulation updates with Marvin Planning for public view. Electric is working on connections at 7th Street for the new apartment buildings. New generator for the North Well expected by end of April, received a $10K grant

from the State for assistance in the purchase of the generator for emergency use. The pool sandblasting tentatively scheduled for 4/15, water crew currently prepping the area. Installation of new heaters to follow. Will have a very busy April 16 as we will have 6 Public hearings for 3 Subdivisions Plats and 3 Rezoning request (All are subject to development agreements, and this is just the first step in the development process) Additional updates given.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 5:00pm.

There being no further business, motion by Ingram, seconded by Pike, to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 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