Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
May 28, 2024

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. May 28, 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 Treasurer Jean Klassen, 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 5:01 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Warner, Muench, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Ingram. Motion carried. Morrison acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Warner, seconded by Muench to excuse the absence of board member Ingram, the following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: Ingram. Motion carried.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Warner to approve the minutes from the consent agenda items as one which includes minutes and financials. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Warner, Pike, and Muench. Nay: None. Absent: Ingram. Motion carried.

Sherrie Stevenston – Northern Colorado Friends of Ferals gave an update on the program. A total of 23 cats were trapped, Stevenston discussed location and process. The program has been a success. Our current balance allows for 33 more cats for this year. Stevenson shared that the Boulder shelter will consider accepting cats tamed successfully.

Morrison opened discussion on these agenda items: Discussion and approval of the HR Manager duties and job description as well as Discussion and approval on assigning the HR Manager position to the Clerk and salary increase. Per Morrision, these two items will be discussed during the meeting of Tuesday, June 4th at 5:00pm. Would like all board members present. Discussion only, no action taken.

Chief Ruiz opened a discussion on the mutual aid agreement between the City of Kimball Police Department and the Pine Bluff's WY Police Department. Per Chief, this is necessary due to being such small entities and the lack of police presence in case of a catastrophic event. This will allow officers from Pine Bluffs to respond to Kimball if necessary and vice versa. Both locations are excited about this.

Motion by Muench, seconded by Pike to approve the mayor's signature on the mutual aid agreement between the City of Kimball Police Department and the Pine Bluff's WY Police Department. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Muench, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: Ingram. Motion carried.

Blake Wagner – Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor opened discussion on the issue with the mixer at the plan. On April 2nd, the mixer had to be pulled. The upper seal went out causing the whole motor to fail, two quotes were received, the cost for repairing the mixer is approximately $52,000. The cost for a new one is approximately $42.000. The mixer has 193,000 hours on it so I would recommend the option of going with a new mixer. The department budgeted $50,000 for emergency repairs last year. The quote does not include freight. The additional might be approx. $1000.00. This is not part of the upgrade the plant is currently undergoing.

Jim Cederburg - This is indicative of the situation we have throughout the city with our infrastructure. But it also reinforces the need to update all infrastructure. Cederburg recommends proceeding with the purchase of the new one.

Motion by Muench, seconded by Pike to approve the quote from Electric Pump for $42,989.00 to order the necessary parts to fix the emergency mixer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Warner, Muench, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Ingram. Motion carried.

Reports -

Mayor's report – We might be looking at a program where we would work with the county and transit in getting a free transportation program so kids can move around town, such as the ball fields, golf course, park, school, etc. Would like to get the conversation started. Currently researching more specifics. Discussion only, no action taken.

Annette – The Mayor, Christy and I will be meeting to discuss NDEE rural recovery grant assistance for the Wellness center. The bids for the sewer extensions have been received and are being reviewed. Pool opening will be delayed due to unexpected weather changes. It has been sandblasted, patched and repaired. Painting will begin on Thursday, and it needs a minimum of 3 days to dry. The tentative opening date is on the 12. We have On-boarded all the lifeguards (12) 11 of those are returning.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4 of 2024

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

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John Morrison, Mayor City Clerk