Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
September 3, 2024

A City Council meeting was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. September 03, 2024, held at the City Council Chambers, 223 S. Chestnut St. Council members present were, Ingram and Pike. Absent: Warner. Also, present was Mayor Morrison, City Administrator Annette Brower, City Clerk Jean Klassen, City Clerk Paula Tarango. 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.

John Morrison led the room in prayer.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Ingram to excuse the absence of board member Warner. She had a prior commitment, and she could not attend today's meeting. The following votes were recorded Aye: Ingram, Morrison, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Pike to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Pike, Ingram, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Ron Leal – Director of Region 21 Emergency Management – spoke about the CERT Class enrollment from September 20, 2024, through September 21, 2024. The goal is to have a minimum of 20 attendees, currently working on that and encourages everyone to attend. The program consists of educating citizens and volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may occur where they live. Discussion only, no action taken.

Morrison opened discussion on the 24-25 FY budget and determining any property tax request above the allowable growth percentage. Board members went through the budget in detail and participated by asking questions and making comments.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Ingram to approve the mill LEVY increase to .413259 at the joint public hearing scheduled for 9/16/2024 at 6:15pm. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Pike, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Ingram to enter executive closed session at 5:49pm for the protection of the public interest regarding economic development loan agreements and potential litigation involving Hometown Hardware Inc., Nebraska Coffee, and Kimball Plumbing. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Morrison, Pike, and Ingram. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Ingram to exist executive closed session at 6:03pm. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Morrison, Ingram, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Reports -

City Administrator – Annette Brower – The team has been busy working on the budget. The power plant schedule has been sent to BPW and City Council members. The water department crew will be starting on the Mietus project next week.

Chief of Police – Jose Ruiz - The Department has taken 129 service calls since the last meeting. There are currently 36 abatements, 6 are in progress, 29 have been cleared and one has been sent to the Attorney. These calls range from parking complaints, alarms, 911 hang up calls, Trespass, Suspicious person, noise complaints, suicidal person with a weapon, medical assist, dog at large, burglaries, theft, vandalism, traffic stops, narcotics violations and many more. We have assisted the State Patrol on multiple occasions. We also Sheriff's Department with a barricaded person. An update on hiring, Officer Wiechert is currently at the academy. We have had several applicants and are currently in the recruitment process. Working on a mutual agreement between the Kimball Police and the Kimball EMS. We have conducted multiple training courses involving emergency situations, and other. The Kimball Police Department would like to clarify that we are not obligated to invite any other departments to our training, but we did and multiple attended. We also invited the Kimball County Sheriff's office and unfortunately, they could not make it. Several mutual aid agreements between different counties are being discussed. This would benefit both counties in case of a catastrophic event they can come and assist in Kimball and vice versa.

Public comment –

Kimball Citizen Jim Cederburg – Added a comment to this topic.

The public was represented.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 5:00pm

There being no further business, motion by Pike, seconded by Warner, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Morrison, and Pike. Absent: Warner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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John Morrison, Mayor City Clerk