Kimball City Council
Special Meeting
October 15, 2024

A City Council meeting was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. October 15, 2024, held at the City Council Chambers, 223 S. Chestnut St. Council members present were, Ingram, Warner, and Pike. Absent: None. 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.

Morrison called the meeting to order at 5:03pm and acknowledged the Open Meetings Act.

The room was led in prayer by John Morrison.

Motion by Warner, seconded by Pike to approve the consent agenda items as one which includes, minutes from September 3, 19, and 24, claims, and financials. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Pike, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Nicole Kubik and Tim Cervaney with MEAN Energy Efficiency Programs conducted an in-person presentation of the Modern SSM Agreement and Services. The representatives provided a packet with updates, changes, and/or additions. Some of the areas discussed were stats, services available, reasons for the modernized SSM, benefits of long-term arrangements, retention and growth, updated terms and conditions, what is changing and what is not changing, timeline for SSM Modernization and other. Board members participated by asking questions and adding comments. Discussion only, no action taken.

Jim Cederburg – Board of Public Works Member - added a comment to this topic.

Morrison opened a discussion on appointing Greg Robinson to the City Council, per Morrison, in December there will be two new council people and only one has any experience, Greg Robinson has been a council board member for years and he was also the Kimball Mayor previously, he will be a great addition.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Pike to approve the mayor's appointment of Greg Robinson to the City Council Board effective immediately. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Pike, Ingram, and Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carries.

Morrison opened a discussion on amending the interlocal cooperation agreement between the City of Kimball and Kimball County (Park and Rec Executive Board) This amendment reflects that the County Attorney will no longer be on this board but instead an appointed individual by the County.

Motion by Warner, seconded by Ingram to approve the amendment of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Kimball and Kimball County (Park and Rec Executive Board). The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Warner, and Pike. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened a discussion on approving recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the Development Agreement between the City of Kimball and the Estate of Darlene Janice Gardner and Iron Guard Housing, LLC to install and connect utility improvements to the City's water and sewer systems (pending full engineering plans and City engineer approval). Location known as the Stahla Mobile Home Park, 29 15 55 ALL NW 1/4 NOT PLATTED EXC. 13.07 A. 29-15-55, 1 AMANDA ST. Per City Administrator Annette Brower, they will be paying for all the infrastructure, this is a much-needed upgrade, and we welcome the revenue, we are going to meter it and this benefits both parties. Additional comments made.

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Morrison opened a discussion on approving making business façade grants available again to local businesses. Per Annette Brower, two businesses have reached out inquiring about this. The current program offers $25,000 given our financial situation on the Economic Development side, this amount might be too high. Per Ingram, there is currently no revenue currently, so this is a bit hard to do. Per Pike, not opposed to looking at it on an individual basis. Since businesses are asking, we needed to present it to Council. Additional comments made. Discussion only. No action taken.

Morrison opened a discussion on the progress of the KCAD, Inc Economic Development plan, review DRAFT documents. Per board member Ingram, Section 3 of the DRAFT needs to be reviewed/reworded. Per Warner, this should almost mirror

what we did for the Golf course and discuss what the County will put in as well. The documents will be reviewed further, and board members will provide input as necessary. Per Morrison, LB840 can be added into this down the road, this will be discussed again during the 1st meeting in November to continue moving forward. A copy of the DRAFT documents will be provided to the County for review. Discussion only, no action taken.

Reports –

Mayor John Morrison – Attended the Annual Conference of the League of Municipalities in Lincoln, NE, it was a very good meeting. There is always good seminars there, went to 4 of them, Trails, Landbanks, Affordable Housing, and Grant opportunities. The great benefit of attending these conferences is the networking and meting peers from all neighboring cities and towns. The Panhandle Mayors and Administrators met this week in Kimball to discuss how can find out a way to save money due to landfill costs. Streets projects are moving ahead. The 7th Street apartment buildings are moving ahead, and things are looking good. Additional updates given.

Annette – City Park playground has been installed, there is more work to do. We are at the end of summer, and this might be a challenge for concrete pouring due to temperatures dropping and the process takes roughly 3 ½ weeks. The plan is to bring back the gravel, we do not want to risk pouring the concrete and lose it due to cold temperatures. Black hills donated $2500 towards the park extension and improvements, a big thank you to them. Will be in Lincoln in support of the City of Sidney and also there will be a power review meeting regarding the Power Generation Plants, and I will be meeting with Dan from NMC to get more information regarding such as it pertains to ours, there are a lot of questions and concerns regarding the new law LB1370. We will be fact finding and getting more information to ensure our project continues as planned. Next Tuesday I will be in North Platte with the Department of Natural Resources regarding our Dam, we must maintain it and keep up with it, the department just did a spot check on it. In May of 2022 we applied for a Hazardous Mitigation grant to upgrade our tornado sirens, we were granted the funds. The water crews continue to work on the Mietus project, and the electric crew is also there. Next week we will have an official Building Inspector starting with the city. Thanks to the USAF for joining the parade during Farmer's Day. Additional updates given.

Chief of Police – Jose Ruiz – Since our last meeting we have received 115 calls for service and 5,863 total combined. Currently 43 abatements. These calls range from parking complaints, medical assist, dog at large, funeral escorts, harassment calls, theft, stolen vehicles, trespassing, assaults, domestic, suspicious person, missing person, narcotics violation, suicide threats. Larger calls range from DUI's, stole truck call – two subjects were arrested. We assisted the Sheriff's Department with a subject under the influence of narcotics trying to start a fight with other people. Also assisted the sheriff's department with a vehicle pursuit, another case we had was a man that has possibly killed, butchered, and eaten a pet cat. There have been quite a few rumors such as the suspect killing other pets, this is simply not true, and we wanted to ensure to clarify this.

There is absolutely no evidence of such thing. With hiring we have not had any additional applications since the last meeting. Thank you to Nebraska Coffee for hosting coffee with the cop. The mutual aid agreement between Sidney and Kimball was passed and approved. We have already assisted Sidney during October Fest as part of the mutual aid agreement. Kimball assisted Sidney police department as part of that mutual aid. 2 paramedics were also present. Additional updates given.

The next regular meeting will be on October 29 at 5:00PM.

Motion Warner, seconded by Ingram to enter into an executive session at 6:03PM pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 84-1410 for the protection of the public interest and to discuss Police Department personnel and contract matters, City Attorney, Administrator, Police Chief, Sergeant Barboza, Officer McKenzie, Officer Lutz, CSO Joe Leitza, Officer Trainee Branden Wiechert, and Paula Tarango were invited. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Warner, Pike, and Ingram. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Warner, seconded by Ingram to exit executive session at 7:52pm. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Pike, And Warner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Warner, seconded by Ingram, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Warner and Pike. Absent: None. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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John Morrison, Mayor City Clerk