Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
November 7, 2024

A City Council meeting was convened in open and public session at 5:03 p.m. November 8, 2024, held at the City Council Chambers, 223 S. Chestnut St. Council members present were, Gabe Ingram, Greg Robinson, Craig Pike, and Christy Warner. Absent: None. Also, present was Mayor Morrison, City Administrator Annette Brower, City Clerk Jean Klassen. The public was represented at 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.

Pastor Warren led the room in prayer.

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

Morrison reviewed Resolution #2024-06 Signing of the year-end certification of City Street Superintendent 2024 Jim Shoup, which will be discussed under current business.

Heidi Gillespie, Cheyenne County Communications provided information on her background and training as well as the rigorous training her dispatchers take and the continuing recertification and education as well as the technology and different systems that they use. Gillespie spoke about what would happen if the Council decided to move the City Police 911 dispatch to her department. Council members made statements as to the safety of our officers and asked questions relating to the switch that Deuell County make to them, the cost, and how Gillespie's department receives its funding, and the longevity of her staff. Morrison opened the floor for discussion from the public. The following people made statements or asked questions of Gillespie, the Council, and the Police Department.

> Gabriel Miller, citizen; Andrew Bohac, Fire Chief; Deb Fennel, citizen; Joe Fennel, citizen; Rich Flores, County Commissioner; Dave Hottell, Sheriff; Jose Ruize, Chief of Police; Cathleen Sibal, County Clerk; Brian Johnson, citizen; Julia Gehrig, citizen; Bryan Woods, State Patrol and citizen; and Tom O'Brien, citizen.

At 6:31 pm Morrison stated that we needed to move the meeting on and thanked Gillespie for coming to share information.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Warner to adopt Resolution #2024-06 Signing of the year-end certification of City Street Superintendent Jim Shoup. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Pike, Warner, Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Ingram to Approve the Year-end certification for City Street Superintendent Jim Shoup. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Ingram, Warner, Pike and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Brower talked about the new Building Inspector, Rodney Sterkel. Brower led a discussion on the building fees that the city currently has in place compared to the surrounding towns. Brower is asking for direction from Council on how to proceed with new rates. Ingram indicated staying on the lower side as it could attract development from the surrounding area. Warner was thinking of a permit fee and if it requires more reviews then there would be an additional fee. Brian Johnson, Johnson Construction added comments to this topic.

Reports -

Mayor – John Morrison – New generators are set in place, just need to finish the building. Vista St road is finishing up repairs and this was a project that had been budgeted for previously. The Nadine Duplex project is progressing as well.

City Administrator – Annette Brower – Generates are in place and building should be here in about two weeks. They are still looking at a June 2025 completion date. This will also be going to the power review in the next few weeks. Electric crew have added more poles at Stahla's so more growth coming to the city. The Water Dept reported that they have finally installed a generator at the north well. Waste Water Treatment project update, the engineers will be here to speak to the BPW board regarding the timeline. City Park's new playground is open and, in the spring, they will come back to finish the project. The electrical department will be updating it's lighting. The street department is getting ready for winter.

Chief of Police – Jose Ruiz – Considering the length of the meeting he will give his report at the next meeting.

Council Members – Warner, nothing; Ingram, City has spent a lot of money to make out City safe, like the generators, that the Transit Center is a Red Cross shelter, and we need to brag about it; Pike, nothing; Robinson, happy to be back.

Public comment –

Kimball Citizen Gabriel Miller – Added a comment to the generator project and infrastructure problems.

Kimball Citizen Taylor Brown – Added a comment to the infrastructure problems and our Police Department.

The public was represented.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Pike to enter executive session at 7:08 pm for the protection of the public interest and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual, especially to discuss job performance, job duties, and salary increase for City Treasurer Jean Klassen. The

following votes were recorded: Aye: Warner, Pike, Ingram, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Rosa-Ellen Williams, Jean Klassen and Counsel Member elect Jamie Murdoch were invited to stay in the meeting.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Robinson to come out of executive closed session at 7:07 pm. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Pike, Ingram, Warner and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Warner, seconded by Ingram to approve salary increase for City Treasurer – Jean Klassen. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Pike, Warner, Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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

There being no further business, motion by Ingram, seconded by Pike, to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Ingram, Pike, Warner, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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John Morrison, Mayor City Clerk