Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
December 17, 2024

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A City Council meeting was convened in open and public session at 5:01 p.m. December 17, 2024, held at the City Council Chambers, 223 S. Chestnut St. Council members present were, Austin Garner, Greg Robinson, Craig Pike, and Jamie Murdoch. 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.

Randy Bohac led the room in prayer.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Garner to approve the consent agenda items as presented with the following correction to the minutes: add the motion for voting on President of City Council. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Murdoch, Pike and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Brower opened discussion on the 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. Brower indicated that the owner of the property wanted to own the infrastructure, which the city prefers. Following discussion, motion by Murdoch, seconded by Pike to approve the mayor's signature on the amended 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. 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. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Murdoch, Pike and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Garner to approve the amendment to the owner-engineer agreement between the City of Kimball and Olsson Engineering for the Wastewater

Treatment Plant upgrades project. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Murdoch, Pike and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Robinson to approve the mayor's signature on the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation City Maintenance Agreement renewal. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Murdoch, Pike and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Murdoch to approve Mayor's appointment of Jack Shaw for the BPW open seat. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Murdoch, Pike and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Murdoch to approve Mayor's appointment of Aaron Abraham for Planning Commission open seat. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Murdoch, Pike and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison discussed the idea of forming study committees with a mixture of board members and city residents. An example was when Morrison brought up the idea of purchasing the Evertson property for the City streets department. Had a study committee discussion had been held it would not have ever reached a discussion at the Council meeting. Council members were in favor of this idea. Morrison indicated that it would be included in a future agenda so it could be discussed fully.

Garner indicated that along the same line to discuss on a future agenda item to open the floor for public comments before voting on items instead of just waiting until public comments at the end and the vote has already happened.

Reports -

Mayor – John Morrison – commented on the recent recall petition. Morrison feels this measure was put into place for elected officials who have broken the law, not when you disagree with the leadership style. Morrison indicated that for him it's over and down with and let's move forward for what's best for Kimball. Morrison stated that due to the incorrect date listed on the notice of hearing for the discussion on the intention of the City of Kimball to file an application with USDA Rural Development for financial assistance in the amount of $5,736,000 to finance the wastewater treatment facility improvement project. This item will be on the agenda for the January 7, 2025, City Council meeting.

City Administrator – Annette Brower – Stated that the discussion on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project started back in 2021, and that it has moved forward and been

discussed at several Board of Public Works meetings as well as City Council meetings. Working with Sarah at the USDA and looking at a 40-year loan so that the yearly debt would not be such a burden. On January 15th BPW will be opening the bids, BPW will look at them at a special meeting on January 20th with them forwarded to Council on January 21st. The power plant building is up and still working towards the completion date goal of June 2025. The Mietus property has the first duplex set, water, electric, and sewer is done.

Public comment –

Kimball Citizen, Don Lonsdale – Added a comment regarding members of the fire department driving fast with flashing lights and needing to check their speeds.

Kimball Citizen, and Kimball Conty Commissioner Elect, Dave Hottell – Added a comment regarding possible grants for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Kimball Citizen Gabriel Miller – Added comments regarding the generator energy plant and the Wastewater Treatment Plant project, on the Stahla Mobile Home Park project, regarding recall, and on the Light House Subdivision.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 5:00pm

There being no further business, motion by Robinson, seconded by Pike, to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Murdoch, Pike and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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John Morrison, Mayor City Clerk

City of Kimball-City Council Meeting-General Claims-December 17, 2024-TNT Customs-Equipment-5,159.00; AMGL-Services-5,029.09; Combined Utilities-Utilities-570.10; Combined Utilities-Utilities-3,232.40; Connecting Point-Services-180.60; DAS State Accounting-Services-110.00; Dollar General Corporation-Supplies-80.35; Enterprise Rac of Mt/Wy-Services-368.98; Enviro Service Incorporated-Services-25.00; GreatAmerica Financial Services Corporation-Services-82.29; Guardian Alliance Technologies, Incorporated-110.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Incorporated-Services-42.47; Intralinks, Incorporated-Services-1,803.61; Intralinks, Incorporated-Services-235.00; Intralinks, Incorporated-Services-47.60; Intralinks, Incorporated-Services-467.50; Intralinks, Incorporated-Services-1,075.68; Kimball Ace Hardware LLC-Supplies-1,695.69; Kimball Ace Hardware LLC-Supplies-118.29; Kimball Auto Parts-Supplies-305.60; Kimball County Hospital-Services-138.93; Legacy Cooperative-Fuel-3,617.38; Masters Telecom LLC-Services-15.82; Napa Auto Parts-Supplies-144.26; Napa Auto Parts-Supplies-364.16; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment Incorporated-Services-65.00; One Source The Background Check Company-Services-33.50; Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company-Premium-251.01; Schadegg Oil Company & Motors Incorporated-Services-1,601.13; The Potter State Bank-Loan-374.68; The Right

Impression-Services-30.40; Viaero-Cell Phone-38.21; Viaero-Cell Phone-110.58; Voyager Fleet Systems-Fuel-792.33; Western Nebraska Observer-Meeting Notices-392.62; Action Communications-Services-475.50; Alarm Security Technicians-Services-38.95; Anderson-Shaw Construction, Incorporated-Services-2,120.00; Best Plumbing Heating & Cooling LLC-Repairs-2,208.15; Black Hills Energy, LLC-Gas Service-434.38; Black Hills Energy, LLC-Gas Service-1,097.13; Blue360 Media-Supplies-284.85; Center Point Large Print-Book Purchase-145.02; CenturyLink-Telephone-208.38; Charter Communications-Internet-227.48; DP Electronic LLC/Radio Shack-Security-21.49; Dollar General Corporation-Supplies-197.95; EBSCO Information Services-Supplies-917.13; Eakes Office Solutions-Services-44.49; Ellison, Kovarik & Turman Law Firm-Professional Services-1,492.03; Flood Communications West-Advertising-340.00; Gering Valley Plumbing & Heating-Repairs-374.00; GreatAmerica Financial Services Corporation-Lease-82.29; Gumdrop Books-Book Purchase-130.09; Hometown Leasing-Lease-112.92; Ideal Linen Supply, Incorporated-Services-60.24; Ingram Library Services-Book Purchase-351.92; International Institute of Municipal Clerks-Membership-160.00; Kimball Ace Hardware LLC-Supplies-485.39; Kimball Ace Hardware LLC-Supplies-57.77; Kimball Auto Parts-Supplies-118.48; Kimball County Hospital-Services-46.31; Kimball Service Center-Supplies-283.00; L.L. Johnson Distributing Company-Supplies-751.04; MicroMarketing, LLC-Media Expense-205.16; Modern Marketing-Supplies-356.36; Napa Auto Parts-Supplies-132.61; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment Incorporated-Services-845.00; OPTK Networks-Internet-35.00; PepperBall-Supplies-2,936.00; Pine Bluffs Auto Parts-Parts-29.99; Powerplan-Supplies-54.98; Schadegg Oil Company & Motors Incorporated-Supplies-516.48; Staples-Supplies-333.52; Sunset Law Enforcement-Supplies-424.80; The Right Impression-Services-63.00; Vakoc Value Electric & Locksmith Service-Services-394.00; Verizon-Telephone-80.02; Verizon-Telephone-702.64; Verizon-Telephone-62.23; Viaero-Cell Phone-1,668.35; Visa-Firstier Bank-Charges-4,631.49; WPCI-Drug Screen-35.00; Western Nebraska Observer-Meeting Notices-306.42; Shelby Widener-Contract Cleaning-300.00; Jeremy J. Williams-Reimbursement-99.99.