Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2025

A City Council meeting was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. February 18, 2025, held at the City Council Chambers, 223 S. Chestnut St. Council members present were, Austin Garner, Greg Robinson, and Jamie Murdoch. Absent: Creg Pike. Also, present was Mayor Morrison, City Administrator Annette Brower, City Clerk Paula Tarango and City Treasurer 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.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Murdoch to excuse the absence of board member Pike due to medical reasons. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Pike. Motion carried.

The room was led in prayer by Jim Cederburg.

Motion by Robison, seconded by Murdoch to approve the consent agenda items as presented which includes minutes, claims, and financials. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Pike. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Murdoch, seconded by Garner to Ratify **Resolution #2022-12** due to a clerical issue from previous Clerk. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Robinson. Absent: Pike. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Morrison opened a public hearing at **5:03pm** to discuss 1-6 Year Street Plan.

Street Supervisor Jim Shoup – Gave a brief explanation of the documentation presented and a summary of the 2024 year. Shoup spoke about armor coating, crack sealing, R & R curb and gutter, sidewalk improvement, and street sections replaced. Shoup also spoke about the plan for 2025 and explained that $50,000 was budgeted

for this year (2025) item but would like to put that in reserve with the purpose of using the funds in 2026 covering a bigger area at once with the combined amounts from both years. We will have to find another chip sealing company due to the previous one going out of business. Shoup explained the plan in further detail.

Austin Garner added a comment on this topic during the open hearing.

Mayor Morrison closed the public hearing at **5:09pm** on the discussion of the 1-6 Year Street Plan.

Motion by Murdoch, seconded by Garner to approve the 1-6 Year Street Plan as presented. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Pike. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Garner to move the $50.000 for armor coating to the reserves funds with the intent to use it in 2026. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Pike. Motion carried.

Morrison opened a discussion on the recommendation from Board of Public Works to approve moving forward with the Wastewater Treatment Plant project and main interceptor project. Per City Administrator Annette Brower, Doug Louden has joined the meeting via ZOOM to answer any additional questions the board and/or the public may have regarding this project. It is the Board of Public Works recommendation that we move forward with both projects at once, should we not move forward with the interceptor project, those funds can be put back and applied towards the loan. Board member Austin Garner asked a couple of technical questions during this discussion.

Jim Cederburg, this must be done, it is not an option not to.

Motion by Murdoch, seconded by Garner to approve the recommendation from Board of Public Works to proceed with both the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project and Main Interceptor Project. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Pike. Motion carried.

Mayor Morrison opened a discussion on approving the USDA loan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Per Morrison, the rate has been dropped to 2.5APR at 40 years but we can always pay it sooner if we chose.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Murdoch to approve the USDA loan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Pike. Motion carried.

Morrison opened a discussion on approving the B&B Valley Scale Service bid in the amount of $79,852.36 for the purchase of Landfill Scale. Per Morrison this was in the budget. Board of Public Works member Jim Cederburg – We have been speaking about these scales for 10+ years. We need the capacity to weigh loads, this will allow us to be more exact on such. Austin Garner – has a remote scale ever been an option? Per Cederburg, the public commented and stated that they did not want to go that route.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Murdoch to approve the bid from B&B Valley Scale Service in the amount of $79,852.36 for the purchase of the landfill scale. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Pike. Motion carried.

Morrison opened a discussion on approving the KENO funds request for 2025 Post-Prom – Kimball Junior Class. Two students from the class of 2026 gave details and explained the vision of the event. It is their goal to create a fun, engaging, and secure environment for everyone involved where students can celebrate together after the prom festivities. The funds will be applied to food, games, activities, and facilities.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Murdoch to approve the KENO funds request in the amount of $3,000 for 2025 Post-Prom – Kimball Junior class. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Pike. Motion carried.

Morrison opened a discussion on Economic Development through the City of Kimball. The County is still interesting but unfortunately, they do not have any money in this cycle. Morrison would like to create a study committee that will include himself, Elysse Lukassen, and if anyone else from the Council is interested in joining that would be fine. This committee will review the proposals that we have used in the past and when budget time comes around, we can include it for both entities, the County and the City.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Robinson to establish an Economic Development Committee through the City of Kimball partnered with The Kimball County. The

following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Pike. Motion carried.
Reports –

Mayor Morrison – Would like to thank everyone involved in fixing the fire hydrant break. I am very proud of how the situation was handled, everyone stepped forward, cooperated, and jumped right in. Thank you to the Council members for taking another step forward for Kimball in approving the Wastewater Treatment Plant project that we have been discussing for years.

City Administrator Annette Brower –

The church of Christ is officially owned by the city, we were the winning bid. We will obtain the title and deed to in three weeks. Apparently, there was some abatement done at this property years ago, we don't have anything on record here, but I have reached out to Geo-tech to see if they can find some documentation on it. Once all the paperwork has been processed, we will put it back on the agenda so the council can decide how to proceed with the property. Repairs still need to be made at the cemetery due to an accident as well at Gotte Park. We have settled those and are ready to get them repaired just waiting for better weather. I would like to reiterate what Mayor Morrison said. Thank you to everyone involved in handling the damage from the accident on Hwy 30, this was not planned and/or our fault. Thank you to David Scott in Sidney, they were onsite the first day to offer assistance, thanks to the Water Department crew, thank you to NDOT, they came out to help us so quickly, thank you to Jim Shoup for all of his years of experience and his amazing relationship that he has built with NDOT over all these years and making that happen so quickly. Thank you to the water department, streets and the electric department we have small crews and these are big projects. They never fail to jump right in and help where needed. Very grateful to Craig Aragon for contacting Wesley and Anna Mietus at Days Inn to ask if they could open a room at their hotel with the intent of helping Motel Kimball since their guests were without water for 4 days. Special thanks to Mary Sue Gates and Amy Rutledge for being so gracious and patient with us. Thank all the other residents and/or folks affected that were without water as well. There is still a lot of leftover damage that needs to be fixed. We appreciate everyone's patience. Other than that, business is as usual.

Public Comment –

Gabrial Miller – Kimball Citizen – Added a comment to this topic.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 5:00pm

There being no further business, motion by Robinson, seconded by Murdoch, to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Murdoch, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Pike. Motion carried.

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John Morrison, Mayor City Clerk