Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
March 18, 2025

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The room was led in prayer by Randy Bohac.

Morrison called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and stated that the agenda item concerning an interlocal agreement with the Village of Potter for Building Official duties will not be discussed due to not being ready. On roll call the following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Murdoch. Motion carried.

Morrison acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Garner to excuse the absence of board member Jamie Murdoch, who notified the board that she was unable to attend due to prior commitments. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Murdoch. Motion carried.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Pike to approve the consent agendas as one which include the minutes from the minutes, claims, and financials from the previous

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

Morrison opened the discussion to approve the recommendation from the Loan Advisory Board to approve a 15% loan forgiveness from Farm Bureau Financial Services – Shavonne Singleton. Morrison stated that if a business pays their payments on time, then the loan does allow for 15% forgiveness at the end of the loan, this will equal about $7,500.00 in savings for Singleton. Motion by Garner, seconded by Pike to approve the recommendation from the Loan Advisory Board to approve a 15% loan forgiveness from Farm Bureau Financial Services – Shavonne Singleton. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Murdoch. Motion carried.

Morrison stated that the United States Air Force is having a town hall meeting on April 1, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the High School and they are requesting that elected officials attend. Due to conflict with the next City Council meeting on April 1st, Morrison is asking Council if they would like to move the next meeting to 4:00 pm to allow attendance. Morrison indicated that as of now, there is not much on the agenda for the 1st. Garner asked if the meeting could be moved to the end of the town hall and held at the High School to allow the public to attend as well. Unfortunately, since there is not a specific end time it is hard to publicize the start time. Pike stated if there is not much on the agenda to cancel the first meeting, and the next regular meeting would be April 15, 2025. Motion by Pike, seconded by Garner to cancel the April 1, 2025, regular meeting. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Murdoch. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Pike to ratify the changes to the Volunteer Fire Department active members for the 2025 year. Add Spencer Ebel to the active roles as a new member. Remove Kain Hart and Jordan Wages from the active rolls. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Murdoch. Motion carried.

Brower stated that the asbestos testing had been done at the Church of Christ property, and it came back negative. The request from Morrison would be to demo the building and turn over to the CRA to sell. Garner cautioned about the sell price not covering the expense of removing the building. Motion by Garner, seconded by Robinson to remediate the Church of Christ property and turn over to the CRA to sell with the sale price to include the time of employees remediating property and

landfill cost. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Murdoch. Motion carried.

Carl Stander, spokesperson for Kimball County Transit Services (KCTS), presented information and asked the City of Kimball to once again partner with them with a commitment of $10,000.00 for the zero-fare summer program for the benefit of our community youth. This program allows children to ride the shuttle for free to the schools for meals, swimming pool, library, ball fields, parks, and even a way to hang out with friends. Stander and Christy Warner, KCTS Administrator, answered questions on funding, matching funds, and number of riders, and how and what type of funds KCTS collects. Garner would prefer to have this set-up as a budget item, so it is accounted for each year and not just an ask that the City must determine where funds come from. Pike expressed how helpful, and much needed the program is for the lower income members of the community. Robinson appreciates the program and the importance of it for the community, though questioned the difference in numbers of kids dropped off at locations vs being picked up. Warner indicated that in most instances the children will ride the transit to say the pool and then the parents will pick them up there after work so transit can only count it once. Robinson agrees with Garner that it needs to be a budget item. Warner indicated she would be more than happy to sit down with Council at budget time. Warner was asked what would happen to the program if the City did not provide the funds this year so it could become a budgeted item. Warner indicated that she would work hard and find the funds elsewhere to make this program happen. Garner volunteered to help Warner in this mission. Pike agrees to the budget but feels strongly about investing now as well. Feels there is a great need to get these kids out of the house and off the phone, we are supposed to support and invest in the community. Garner asked if KENO funds could be used to fund this. Turman indicated yes it could be. Due to timing Warner is willing to send flyers out with students with the City of Kimball logo on it with the intention of coming back to discuss this further. Motion by Robinson, seconded by Garner to table the request of funding from KCTS until the April 15, 2025, meeting. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Murdoch. Motion carried.

Jim Cederburg, chair Board of Public Works (PBW), opened discussion on the recommendation from PBW to approve the bid of $66,050.00 from Johnson Service for the wastewater pipelining project in the Sunnyview addition. Robinson stated he used to sit on the BPW board and approves of this process. Jack Shaw, BPW board member, stated that he has had this done at his home, it is quick, easy, and worth it. BPW has budgeted $75,000 which would also include redoing two manholes to bring them up to compliance. Motion by Garner, seconded by

Robinson, to approve the bid from Johnson Services for the relining wastewater pipelining project in Sunnyview Addition. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Murdoch. Motion carried.

Cederburg, joined by Doug Louden with Olsson Engineering, presented the recommendations from BPW to approve the recommendation from BPW to approve the contract with Olsson Engineering for the interceptor sewer line project. Louden reviewed the project with the Council and answered questions. Motion by Robinson, seconded by Garner, to approve the contract with Olsson Engineering for the interceptor sewer line project. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Murdoch. Motion carried.

Cederburg opened discussion on the recommendation from BPW to approve Mayor's signature on the contract with Hackle Construction for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Cederburg stated that this contract has been reviewed by the USDA, City Attorney, Olsson Engineering, and the BPW. The cover letter did have an incorrect number, but the contract was correct. Turman indicated that was correct. Motion by Garner, seconded by Robinson to approve the mayor's signature on the contract with Hackle construction for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Murdoch. Motion carried.

Reports -

Mayor – Please with the Board of Public Works and getting the wastewater treatment project started. With the warmer weather we will start looking at roads. Please turn out for the Air Force meeting as they are asking that all elected officials and landowners attend.

Garner – Pleased to announce that there is a sanctioned motorcross race coming up here in Kimball. Working with the County on landfill letters working to educate county residents. Attended the loan advisory meeting and congratulations to Shavonne, it is nice to see the program helping another business. Met with Jim Shoup, Streets Superintendent, who showed me all the equipment, and how they use it including a trailer made by John Heideman out of scrap. Economic Development meeting and things are progressing, kudos to Gabe Ingram for all that he has done. Spoke with Chef Ruiz and found ways to have the Community Officer help.

Robinson – No report given at this time.

Pike – No report given at this time.

City Administrator – Would like to remind the community that there are grants available for sidewalk replacement and tree removal. The power generation plant is moving forward, waiting on the louvers to arrive to close the openings, project is still scheduled to be completed end of May, then we can start the process to get online and start receiving payments for standby power. The landfill assisted the wastewater department crew in cleaning out the lagoon in preparation for wastewater construction. Water crews repaired a faulty valve by the library and have it ready to pour concrete. Utility bills have been updated to separate late fees, usage breakdowns, number of days in the billing period, and above the graphs it will show usage for same time previous year; we added this information to help bills be more transparent and we added a note in the monthly newsletter that reviews this as well. Currently working with NEMA on a grant to have the tornado sirens updated and replaced. Street department is working with NDOT on plans for pouring concrete at Highway 30 & Washington St.; we must meet NDOT requirements for rebar to get it ready to be poured. The Air Force Town Hall meeting will be an update to discuss the Sentinel project, they will also have representatives from the JAG office onsite to answer questions from landowners. If anyone is unable to attend the meeting there will be one on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, in Pine Bluffs, WY. A big thank you to Jean who has worked with FirsTier on getting higher rates for our CD's which has added $200,000 in interest. Olsson engineering completed the requested map overlay of our water & sewer lines with future projects notated.

Chief of Police – No report

No other business.

Public Comment –

Kimball Citizen Gabriel Miller – Thanked Garner for all his work. KCTS is a great program. Thanked Brower for all her information and transparency, which is what the community asks for.

Kimball Citizen Jim Cederburg – Thermal imaging helped to locate our electric poles and pinpointed where there could be issues on thirty-eight poles. The electrical crew was able to fix these before they became a bigger issue as time allowed and with no overtime.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 5:00pm

There being no further business, motion by Robinson, seconded by Pike, to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Murdoch. Motion carried.

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John Morrison, Mayor City Clerk

City of Kimball-City Council Meeting-General Claims-March 18, 2025-Staples-Supplies-13.84; L-Tron Corporation-Supplies-186.48; Wyoming Dreamworks, LLC-Supplies-568.50; Cat5 Commerce, LLC-Supplies-1,290.00; 21st Century Equipment LLC-Supplies-4,228.44; ASCAP-Services-447.09; CNA Surety-Services-100.00; City of Kimball-Transfer-1,321.40; Combined Utilities-Utilities-913.48; Combined Utilities-Utilities-4,703.12; Combined Utilities-719.96; DAS State Accounting-Services-110.00; Hinton's Lock & Alarm-Services-180.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Incorporated-Services-42.47; Kimball Ace Hardware LLC-Supplies-339.26; Kimball County Register of Deeds-Services-10.00; Kimball County Register of Deeds-Services-80.00; LifeGuard MD, Incorporated-Supplies-2,185.94; Masters Telecom LLC-Fax Service-15.83; Irma Mendoza-Contract Cleaning-600.00; NDEE-Renewal-40.00; Napa Auto Parts-Supplies-155.47; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center-Training-142.00; Mark Nelson-Reimbursement-72.36; One Source The Background Check Company-Services-33.50; Points West Community Bank-Loan-30,368.98; Powerplan-Supplies-94.65; Prairie Animal Hospital-Boarding-115.90; Jim Shoup-Reimbursement-133.11; The Country Printer-Supplies-275.00; United Rotary Brush Corporation-Supplies-1,241.92; Viaero-Phone-251.99; Viaero-Cell Phone-38.16; Western Nebraska Community College-Training-225.00; Windy Prairie Systems-Services-2,300.00; Kimball County Clerk-Services-10.00; Rodney Sterkel-Reimbursement-67.53; High Plains Beverages-Supplies-607.25; ABDO-Book Purchase-1,032.10; ACT Incorporated-Services-614.06; Action Communications-Services-250.00; Alarm Security Technicians-Security-38.95; Brian Albee-Contract Cleaning-200.00; Benchmark Government Solutions LLC-Training-657.40; Best Books, Incorporated-Book Purchase-626.69; Biblionix-Subscription-1,650.00; Black Hills Energy, LLC-Gas Service-494.33; Black Hills Energy, LLC-Gas Service-1,293.97; Center Point Large Print-Book Purchase-341.02; CenturyLink-Telephone-208.38; CenturyLink-Telephone-105.13; Certified Laboratories-Supplies-545.47; Charter Communications-Internet-237.52; Connecting Point-Copy Usage-235.27; DAS State Accounting-Services-110.00; DATA443 Risk Mitigation, Incorporated-Services-153.00; DP Electronic LLC/Radio Shack-Security-21.49; Eakes Office Solutions-Internet-44.49; Ellison, Kovarik & Turman Law Firm-Professional Services-2,361.15; Enterprise Rac of Mt/Wy-Rental-223.81; Enviro Service Incorporated-Services-30.00; Fastenal Company-Supplies-115.93; GreatAmerica Financial Services Corporation-Lease-82.29; Gumdrop Books-Book Purchase-70.82; High West Energy-Utilities-925.00; Hometown Leasing-Lease-107.55; Ideal Linen Supply, Incorporated-Services-147.02; Ingram Library Services-Book Purchase-432.46; Intoximeters-Supplies-200.25; Intralinks, Incorporated-Services-294.50; Intralinks, Incorporated-Services-192.50; Kimball Ace Hardware LLC-Supplies-254.68; Kimball Ace Hardware LLC-Supplies-145.12; Kimball Auto Parts-Supplies-165.42; Kimball County Hospital-Drug Screens-46.31; Kimball County Hospital-Services-2,570.81; Jean Klassen-Expense Report-526.68; L.L. Johnson Distributing Company-Supplies-30,713.80; League of NE Municipalities-Conference-494.00; Legacy Cooperative-Fuel-1,532.18; MicroMarketing, LLC-Media Expense-160.22; Midtown Animal Hospital, P.C.-Services-269.41; John Morrison-Expense Report-571.54; Napa Auto Parts-Supplies-340.71; Napa Auto Parts-Supplies-428.80; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center-Training-75.00; Nebraska Panhandle Golf Association-Membership-100.00; Nebraska State Patrol-Services-229.58; OPTK Networks-Internet-35.00; Plummer Insurance, Incorporated-Premium-1,266.72; Postmaster-Services-120.00; Praise Windows Incorporated-Services-88.00; Prestige Flag-Supplies-1,468.28; Pro Overhead Door-Supplies-231.80; R & R Products, Incorporated-Supplies-2,399.40; Gregory J. Robinson-Expense Report-510.54; Staples-Supplies-340.34; Stotz Equipment-Supplies-70.92; Van Diest Supply Company-Supplies-5,890.20; Van Pelt Fencing Company, Incorporated-Repairs-3,340.59;

Verizon-Telephone-80.02; Verizon-Telephone-703.21; Verizon-Telephone-62.27; Viaero-Cell Phone-328.35; Visa-Firstier Bank-Charges-3,734.69; Voyager Fleet Systems-Fuel-1,091.95; WPCI-Drug Screens-35.00; Jeremy J. Williams-Reimbursement-95.00; Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker-Lodging-672.00.