Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
June 17, 2025

EDITED FOR PUBLICATION

A City Council meeting was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. June 17, 2025, held at the City Council Chambers, 223 S. Chestnut St. Council members present were, Greg Robinson, Jamie Murdoch, Creg Pike, and Austin Garner. Also, present was Mayor John 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Morrison called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. On the roll call the following votes were recorded: Aye: Pike, Robinson, Murdoch, Garner, and Morrison. Absent: None.

Morrison acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Morrison read Ordinance #839 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO CHANGE THE NAME OF A PORTION OF SOUTH HIGHWAY 71 TO CHESTNUT STREET, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.**

Morrison opened a discussion on Ordinance #839, per City Administrator Annette Brower, The City of Kimball spoke to the State of Nebraska, and they prefer that we do this now to ensure it is recorded correctly and for consistency since there has been some confusion in the past in this location.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Pike to approve the passage and approval of Ordinance #**839 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO CHANGE THE NAME OF A PORTION OF SOUTH HIGHWAY 71 TO CHESTNUT STREET, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.** And to waive the three (3) readings. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The Trap Club participants were present during the meeting to discuss the KENO request in the amount of $3,000 by Gabriel Miller. Nolan Cook explained that he has been a part of the club for 5 years and introduced all the participants that were in attendance. The upcoming dates of the competition are from July 9 to July 13 and Nolan gave further details about the organization. Brittany Cook shared the Trap Club is a nonprofit organization and stated that 23 out of 27 participants qualified to compete.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Murdoch to approve the KENO request from The Kimball Trap Club up to the maximum allowable amount per qualifying requirements, and KENO guidelines. Per Morrison we are to follow our legal Counsel Matt Turman's advice on requesting the petitioner to fill out a new KENO request application, it must include the name of the 11 Kimball Trap Club participants. These KENO funds will be processed as individual checks for each participant. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened a discussion on the Business Improvement Grant for Clothes Minded Laundromat (Beer and Loathing) Heather & Nate Enright. Per City Administrator Annette Brower, this is for the brick outside of the building which is considered a repair. Per Brower, they do not need a building permit for this. During budget last year all grants were capped at $5,000. We don't have specific details on how this will be completed and/or if everything will be removed for the remodeling of the apartments upstairs. Per Garner we need to ensure that we are doing this correctly. Based on the description of the work, there might be access issues with

another structure attached. We need more information on this then the council can decide on how to proceed.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Pike to table the topic of the request for the approval of a Business Improvement Grant for Clothes Minded Laundromat (Beer and Loathing) – Heather & Nate Entingh until further information is received. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Doug Louden gave an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project, things are moving along well, all excavation is done. They are working their way up, floors are poured, walls are poured, rebar is done.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Pike to approve the recommendation from the Board of Public Works to pay app/invoice for Hackel Construction – Doug Louden. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Doug Louden explained that the change form is for extra excavation at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There was wet soil, and they wanted to ensure that it was not a pipe leaking. The change form includes the details.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Pike to approve the recommendation from the Board of Public Works to approve Change Order #1 for WWTP. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Murdoch to approve the recommendation from the Board of Public Works for the Mayor's signature on the WAPA Metering Agreement for the generation plant. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Garner to approve the recommendation from the Board of Public Works to the Council for the Mayor's signature on the Letter Agreement with WAPA for suspension of Mt Elbert Pump-Storage for pilot period. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Garner to approve the recommendation from the Board of Public Works to approve the payment to NMC for invoice # ONI001120 for

mechanical and electrical portion of Power Generation project. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Pike to Approve the Mayor's signature on MOU with Kimball Schools for use of Mary Lynch Elementary tornado shelter for pool patrons during summer months. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Pike, Garner, and Robinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened a discussion on ADA upgrades at the City of Kimball pool. Per City Administrator Annette Brower, as we approach budget we are looking for guidance the Council board on the ADA at the city of Kimball pool. Per Brower, there have been many requests recently on this. The Manor reached out inquiring about it. The pool was not built for ADA; it would roughly cost 7 to 10 thousand dollars for installing a lifting chair in the pool. Per the State of Nebraska, if a lift chair is installed, we are not required to update any of the other entry points, but the gates are small so we will need to upgrade additional areas as needed. Per board member Pike, we don't have an option, and we understand that this needs to be done. If the state is willing to work with us, we need to take advantage of that. Discussion only, no action taken.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Pike to go into executive closed session at 5:51pm pursuant to Section 84-1410n of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska for the protection of the public interest and all parties involved. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pike, seconded by Murdoch to exit closed session at 6:21pm. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, Pike, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Reports –

Mayor Morrison – Summer is here, and we are busy.

Board Member Greg Robinson – No report currently.

Board Member Creg Pike – The Airport is currently reviewing leases, and we will be revising as needed. Working with Ryan McElroy on these issues.

Board Member Austin Garner – Trying to get a meeting scheduled this month with the city property committee, will schedule a meeting with the Lighthouse Subdivision Committee including Paul Whiting within the next couple of weeks to review plats, requirements, processes, etc. Did not attend the County Commissioners' meeting. Due to schedule conflicts, Garner did not attend the hospital meeting. I am still working on Economic Development with a couple of members. For the public's information, we did not turn down Amazon, they never contacted us and/or approached us. Kimball citizens are encouraged to clean up their areas weather commercial or residential especially with the ALL CLASS Reunion coming up, this is a great time to promote our town and get involved. Would also like to get the public's input on how we can better advertise the KIMB cookout and engage citizens to attend, it is a great event with live music and other festivities but unfortunately the turnout wasn't great this year, all ideas welcome.

City Administrator – Annette Brower – There were over 100 kids with perfect attendance and as an incentive we offered free admission to the pool and/or a concession stand pass. There were a couple donations that helped us cover that, thank you to those that donated. This summer there will be a few events at the pool such as Clean Harbors employee appreciation night, kids committee family night, and others. There is a lot of activity at the power generation plant. This week we are doing voltage testing, and the guys are adding meters to the main transformer. We are still on board for July completion. NMC has been amazing to work with throughout this project. Wastewater Treatment plant continues to move forward; if you have a chance to visit the site, you are encouraged to do so. Great project, walls and floors have been poured, rebar is complete, they are working their way up and it is all moving along great. The walking trail is an active dam, and we have a state inspection coming up. The Streets Department is busy. I am also working on a cop's grant that is due next week and finalizing that this week. The sentinel project is moving forward; we continue to have meetings with the USAF as things progress. The preliminary plats were dropped off for the Lighthouse Subdivision, we will begin conversations through Planning Commission within the next couple of weeks.

Chief of Police – Jose Ruiz – Since May 20, 2025, we have taken 222 calls for service. These calls range from traffic stops, dogs at large, trespassing, narcotics violations, noise complaints, suicidal threats, welfare checks, recovered stolen vehicles, etc. There are 22 abatements, 12 have been completed. With the latest update on hiring, we had two candidates in the running, one of them was disqualified due to background check and the other one is still in the process. I would like to thank and recognize Joe Leitza for taking the initiative to coordinate mass casualty training. Leitza began working on this in December of 2024 and was a complete

success, some of the attendees were PD, Sheriff's Department, Kimball EMS, Kimball Fire, Kimball Health Services, Little tornado towing, Bushnell Fire, Dix Fire and others. This was a success. Additional updates given.

No public comment.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 5:00pm

There being no further business, motion by Pike, seconded by Garner, to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Pike, Robinson, Garner, and Murdoch. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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John Morrison, Mayor City Clerk

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Jamie Murdoch-Grant-500.00; Napa Auto Parts-Supplies-16.69; Napa Auto Parts-Supplies-854.70; Norberg Auto & Diesel Incorporated-Services-5,420.24; Northwest Pipe Fittings, Incorporated of Scottsbluff-Supplies-178.18; OPTK Networks-Internet-35.00; Praise Windows Incorporated-Services-

30.00; Prestige Welding & Repair-Services-150.00; R & R Products, Incorporated-Supplies-227.70; Robinson Electric-Supplies-4391.63; Schadegg Oil Company & Motors Incorporated-Services-151.61; Staples-Supplies-36.67; TaylorMade Golf Company, Incorporated-Supplies-218.10; UNMC-Services-240.00; Vakoc Value Electric & Locksmith Service-Services-129.00; Verizon-Teleph one-80.02; Verizon-Telephone-703.02; Verizon-Telephone-62.25; Viaero-Cell Phone-318.69; Vince's Corner-Supplies-146.00; Visa-Firstier Bank-Charges-7,682.41; WPCI-Drug Screens-560.00; Western Nebraska Community College-Services-45.00.