Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
October 07, 2025

A City Council meeting was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. October 7, 2025, held at the City Council Chambers, 223 S. Chestnut St. Council members present were, Jamie Murdoch, and Austin Garner. Also, present was Mayor John Morrison, City Clerk Paula Tarango, 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.
Morrison acknowledge the Open Meetings Act.
Motion by Garner, seconded by Murdoch to approve the minutes from the previous meetings as presented. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Morrison, Garner, and Murdoch. Nay: None. Absent: Robinson and Pike.

Morrison moved agenda item: Discuss and approve the KENO request in the amount of $2,000 from Kimball Community Concert Association – Susie Abramson due to requestor having a separate commitment to attend to. Per Abramson, the organization lost a couple of good donations, and they will use these funds to alleviate some of the costs.

Motion by Murdoch, seconded by Garner to approve the KENO request in the amount of $2,000 (Two thousand dollars) from Kimball Community Concert Association – Susie Abramson. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Morrison, Garner, and Murdoch. Nay: None. Absent: Robinson and Pike.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Murdoch to accept the resignation from Council President Creg Pike effective September 17 due to moving out of the city, the following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Robinson. Motion carried.

Morrison opened a public hearing at **5:06pm** to receive public comment on the application from Rodger Dohse for a Class C liquor license for TLC Enterprises Inc – Jolly Roger's Good Times Bar & Grill, 109 West 2nd Street, Kimball, NE 69145.

No public comment received during the public hearing.

Morrison closed the public hearing at **5:07pm.**

Motion by Garner, seconded by Murdoch to approve the application from Rodger Dohse for a Class C liquor license for TLC Enterprises Innc – Jolly Roger's Good Times Bar & Grill, 109 West 2nd Street, Kimball, NE 69145. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Robinson. Motion carried.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Murdoch to approve the KENO request from Little League Football – Kevin Wynne in the amount of $1,000 (One thousand dollars). The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Robinson. Motin carried.

Motion by Murdoch, seconded by Garner to approve the business improvement grant for Weeshire Farms – Sarah Shropshire in the amount of $5,000 (Five thousand dollars) The following votes were recorded: Aye: Garner, Murdoch, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Robinson. Motion carried.

Motion by Murdoch, seconded by Garner to approve the business improvement grant in the amount of $3,300 (Three thousand, three hundred dollars) for Motel Kimball – Mary Sue Gates. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Morrison, Garner, and Murdoch. Nay: None. Absent: Robinson. Motion carried.

Morrison opened a discussion on Ordinance #845 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND TITLE XIII GENERAL OFFENSES, CHAPTER 133, SECTIONS 133.04 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, NEBRASKA:** by Amarok Perimeter Security – Michelle Affraonti & Keith Kenoko.

Michelle Affraonti – provided a packet with details on their company and experience. She answered questions and provided a brief report on their services. Board members participated by asking questions and adding comments.

Motion by Murdoch, seconded by Morrison, to table the discussion on Ordinance #845 until the next City Council meeting in order for the entire board to be present. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Morrison, and Garner. Nay: None. Absent: Robinson. Motion carried.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Murdoch to approve the recommendation from Planning Commission for a request for a zoning change, currently zoned Medium to High Density Residential R-2 that will have a secondary zoning overlay placed as General Commercial C-2 for property legally described as follows: LOCKWOOD'S ADDITION BLOCK 4 LOTS 5, and 6 to the City of Kimball, Kimball County, Nebraska (101 S Nadine Street) The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Robinson. Motion carried.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Murdoch to pass and adopt Ordinance #846 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PARCELS FROM THE MEDIUM TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDNENTIAL (R-2) TO A SECONDARY ZONING OVERLAY OF GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM.** This **DOES NOT** include waving the three (3) readings, this Ordinance will be read again at the upcoming Council Meeting. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Morrison, and Garner. Nay: None. Absent: Robinson. Motion carried.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Murdoch to approve the Redevelopment Agreement transferring 101 South Nadine St. to the CRA. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Morrison, Garner, and Murdoch. Nay: None. Absent: Robinson. Motion carried.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Murdoch to approve **Resolution #2025-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, NEBRASKA, FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN**

BLIGHTED AND SUBSTANDARD REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE OLD CHURCH OF CHRIST BUILDING AND LOT. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Morrison. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Murdoch, seconded by Garner to approve Mayor's signature on Quit Claim Deed for Lots Five (5) and Six (6), Block Four (4), Lockwood's Addition to the City of Kimball, Kimball County, Nebraska. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Robinson. Motion carried.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Murdoch to ratify all actions, including the election of the nominees to the LIGHT Board of Directors, of Annette Brower, our LIGHT representative, identified in the minutes of the Annual Members' Meeting of the League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT) on September 26, 2025. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Murdoch, Garner, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried

Reports –

Morrison – Attended the Annual Conference in Lincoln, there were several cities and municipalities. I learned more information on TIF and am interested in continuing the conversation about Micro-TIF. Also attended a seminar on Parks and Trails and there is funding that Kimball can use for improvements on the walking trail and other things. It was a good meeting. Farmers Day was a success. Additional updates given.

City Administrator – Annette Brower -

The landfill scales have been installed, pouring concrete for the final ramps. We received the landfill study today, and we will be discussing that at the Board of Public Works meeting. Power plant generation is moving forward, everyone was here last week, and we had a successful run. The contractor has begun the project at city park and will be pouring concrete in the next couple of days. The water fountain that was donated by Kimball Area Foundation and Positive Spaces has been installed at Gotte. We will have a similar fountain installed at City Park. Thank you both for the donation. Streets is working on the alley entrance by Woody's Liquor. State Dam inspectors were conducting soil samples last week. We will be having our first Landbanks meeting within the next couple of weeks. Business as usual, thanks to everyone for working with us through the budget season. Additional updates given.

Chief of Police – Jose Ruiz – Given by Annette Brower – We've had 3 warrant arrests, one for theft, and the other two for assault. Three of those were granted, all suspects have been apprehended. Working on an animal cruelty investigation. Staffing updates, newest lateral officer has accepted a final offer of employment. and new administrative staff will begin full-time employment at the end of October. This will put the Police Department at full staff. K9 Lucy has officially passed her state certifications and has been deployed a couple of times. The PD has an officer with State Credentials working along WING and through Regional Task Force in the Panhandle. The department has not been involved in the WING since 2012. This partnership will allow us to have firsthand information on Narcotics activity in Kimball. We have been in contact with the Cheyenne Police Department and Larimer County Sheriff's office to establish Memorandum of Understanding for the use of their crisis negotiation team and bomb squad a high-risk situation may occur. Additional updates given.

Public Comment –

No public comment.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, at 5:00pm.
There being no further business, motion by Murdoch, seconded by Garner, to adjourn the meeting at 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