Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
December 16, 2025

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A City Council meeting was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. December 16, 2025, held at the City Council Chambers, 223 S. Chestnut St. Council members present were, Jamie Murdoch, Austin Garner, James Shields, and Greg Robinson. Also, present was Mayor John Morrison, City Administrator Annette Brower, City Treasurer Jean Klassen, and Deputy Clerk Rosa-Ellen Williams. 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.

Randy Bohac led the room was in prayer.

Morrison called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded: Aye: Robinson, Garner, Shields, Murdoch, and Morrison.

Morrison acknowledge the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Shields, seconded by Murdoch to approve the consent agenda items as presented which includes December 2, 2025, minutes, claims, and financials. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Robinson, Garner, Shields, and Murdoch. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison opened a discussion on **ORDINANCE NO.848**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, NEBRASKA, TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 670 AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 110 OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, NEBRASKA: Chapter 110: Building Contractors; Registration

Garner indicated he appreciated the addition of having a secondary residence being included in the exemption. Garner requested that a list of items considered as structural changes be included so that

everyone is aware and working off the same information. Brian Johnson, Johnson Construction, indicated that he feels this is taking steps in the right direction to ensure that the quality of work being done is up to standards. The insurance requirements will ensure that homeowners are protected as well. Morrison stated the list of items covered under structural changes will be added and brought back to the Council at the next meeting. No action was taken.

Morrison opened discussion on Resolution #2025-15 Personnel Committee. Morrison indicated that he still did not see the need for this, and considering the City Attorney not being in attendance feels that this should be moved to the next meeting. Shields wanted to clarify that this committee would only oversee the City Administrator, the City Clerk, the City Treasurer, and the Chief of Police and that they must be mindful of HR laws. Motion by Garner, seconded by Robinson, to table Resolution #2025-15 Personnel Committee until the next council meeting. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Robinson, Garner, Shields, and Murdoch. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Garner, seconded by Murdoch to approve signature cards with Greg Robinson as Council President on Points West bank accounts. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Robinson, Garner, Shields, and Murdoch. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison turned the discussion on the city owned land appraisal to Brower to review. Brower indicated that Brandt Appraisal had performed the appraisal for three city owned properties. These properties were recommended by the City Property Building committee.
The first property is located at 828 S Chestnut St, located on the south side of town where the welcome sign and small storage building is located. Brandt compared the parcel of land to four other properties and determined the appraised values is $23,000.00.
The Second property is located at the SEC of E 1st St & S Elm St. The parcel of land is empty and houses a dump station that will be closed as part of a potential sane and not considered in the appraisal. Brandt compared the parcel of land to four other properties and determined the appraised values is $18,400.00.
The third property is located at 406 E 1st St. this has an older building on it that the City uses for storage. Brandt compared the parcel of land to four other properties and determined the appraised values is $31,000.00.
Following discussion, a motion was made by Robinson and seconded by Garner to forward the three properties to the City Property Building Committee for consideration of selling or improving the properties. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Robinson, Garner, Shields, and Murdoch. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison presented the recommendation from BPW on the NMC invoice from NMC in the amount of $795,013.92. Brower stated that the project was 80% done. They are installing the overflow tank with the fuel distributor. In February there will be air permitting testing for NDWEE. Currently they are working through the punch list, grading around the building, placing a fence etc. Motion by Shields, seconded by Garner to approve the payment of $795,013.92 to NMC. The following votes

were recorded: Aye: Robinson, Garner, Shields, and Murdoch. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Reports –

Mayor's Report – John Morrison – Just want to say that the city crews are all doing a great job.

Council Members Reports:

Greg Robinson: Attended the commissioners' meeting, they are getting ready for their reorganization meeting in January. County purchased a new skid steer. Attended the Loan Advisory Committee meeting and heard a presentation from Councilmen Garner on his business.

James Shields: Have not attended a Planning Commission meeting yet, nothing currently.

Austin Garner: Unofficially, I spoke with the Village of Dix regarding the tree grant they received and gathered information. Garner feels this program would benefit Kimball in removing blighted trees and passed the information on to Brower. Unofficially, I spoke with the Nebraska Department of Labor regarding the grocery store and a possible emergency session for employees, though there may be new updates forthcoming. Reaching out, under the auspices of City Council, to the CEO of Legacy and working closely to support our community, ensure adequate food and supplies, and make sure our people are taken care of.

Jamie Murdoch: Not much to report, school is business as usual.

City Administrator - Annette Brower- Janicek Dam engineers and state representatives will be on site Wednesday, walking the dam and taking samples on the 17th. On Thursday, they will be at the KCTS building for their workshop. Thank you to KCTS for hosting them and giving them a base. I will be there to greet them on the 17th, and staff will be available as needed. Electric crews have finalized the infrastructure at the Lighthouse Subdivision as of today. The Planning Commission will meet January 5th to discuss changes to the downtown ordinance to allow conditional use permits for certain signs. A military zoning ordinance will be brought forward, which is new to us but will be required as we move forward regarding the Sentinel project.

Police Chief – In Chief Ruiz absence, Brower presented his report. Some of the calls that the Police Department has taken have been parking complaints, animal calls, alarms, funeral escorts, noise complaints, civil standbys, disturbance calls, deceased persons, domestics, DHHS referrals, thefts, assaults, shoplifting calls, traffic stops, suspicious persons, suspicious vehicles, assisted other agencies with traffic stops. Larger calls include possession for child sex abuse material, child abuse, physical domestic calls. An arrest was made for possession of child sexual abuse material. A search warrant was executed, and multiple electronic devices were seized. A separate search warrant for the data on the electronic devices was requested and approved. The Laramie County Sheriffs Office is helping in retrieving that information. K-9 Lucy and her handler were requested by the State Patrol for a traffic stop. Lucy made a positive indication on the subject's vehicle resulting in the suspects being charged

with possession of a controlled substance, possession with intent to distribute, possession of a deadly weapon. Ten grams of methamphetamine was sized and kept off the streets.

Police Department has several trainings they are lining up for in 2026 including additional drug interdiction course, a training that helps officers stope, intercept & seize illegal drugs before they are distributed to the community. These classes will be in April & July. Police department will be hosting a crisis intervention team (CIT). CIT is a specialized training for law enforcement to help deescalate situations involving people who may be experiencing a mental health crisis and to direct them to treatment vs jail. Officers learn to identify mental health illnesses and connect individuals with mental health resources. Goal for training is to have all city officers trained by end of 2027. Department was awarded a mini grant from the State of Nebraska for the Dive Sober of Get Pulled Over campaign. Officers will increase patrols and focus on impaired driving with the goal of making roads safe during the holiday season. Lastly the police department along with other emergency personnel participated in the Holiday Heros Program. This program allows children to enjoy breakfast, a shopping trip for gifts for their family and then help in wrapping the gifts. Murdoch indicated that twenty-six children were selected from fifty who completed forms. Children who participated last year were not selected for this year.

Public Comment – Brian Johnson - Kimball Citizen – Added a comment to the building inspector topic.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 5:00pm. There being no further business, motion by Murdoch, seconded by Shields, to adjourn the meeting at 5:28p.m. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Shields, Robinson, Garner, and Murdoch. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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John Morrison, Mayor City Clerk

City of Kimball-City Council Meeting-General Claims-December 16, 2025-AMGL PC-Audit-5,214.54; Combined Utilities-Utilities-512.42; Contractors Materials, Incorporated-Supplies-420.00; DAS State Accounting-Services-110.00; Hometown Leasing-Lease-107.55; Ideal Linen Supply, Incorporated-Supplies-42.47; Intralinks, Incorporated-Services-694.50; Intralinks, Incorporated-Services-250.00; Kimball Ace Hardware LLC-Supplies-109.13; Kimball Auto Parts-Supplies-50.79; Kimball County Hospital-Drug Screen-46.31; Kimball Service Center-Services-20.00; Legacy Cooperative-Fuel-2,627.80; Napa Auto Parts-Supplies-463.25; National Sign Company, LLC-Services-550.60; Pine Bluffs Gravel & Excavating, Incorporated-Services-1,473.53; Praise Windows Incorporated-Services-88.00; Pye-Barker Fire Safety-Services-711.00; The Potter State Bank-Loan-374.68; Viaero-Cell Phone-132.71; Visa-Firstier Bank-Charges-1,634.87; Voyager Fleet Systems-Fuel-724.97; Western Nebraska Observer-Meeting Notices-2,606.68; MacQueen Equipment Group-Supplies-1,059.19; United Rotary Brush Corporation-Supplies-3,338.09; Paula Tarango-Expense Report-530.64; FNBO-HSA-1,355.76; United States Treasury-Services-175.00; Visa-Firstier Bank-Charges-3,380.13; Acushnet Company-Supplies-15.21; Alarm Security Technicians-Security-38.95; Brian Albee-Contract Cleaning-100.00; American Heritage Life-Premium-16.00; Benchmark Government Solutions LLC-Services-424.15; Black Hills Energy, LLC-Gas Service-496.05; Black Hills Energy, LLC-Gas Service-1,268.42; Brandt Appraisal Company, Incorporated-Services-

714.29; Center Point Large Print-Book Purchase-148.62; Charter Communications-Internet-237.51; Chevrolet of Kimball LLC-Repairs-2,024.63; Connecting Point-Copy Usage-182.13; Demco, Incorporated-Supplies-308.87; Dollar General Corporation-Supplies-61.29; Eakes Office Solutions-Telephone-44.49; Ellison, Kovarik & Turman Law Firm-Professional Services-1,441.70; Enviro Service Incorporated-Samples-30.00; Friends of the Kimball Library-Advertising-40.00; GreatAmerica Financial Services Corporation-Lease-82.29; Gumdrop Books-Book Purchase-82.81; Heartland Expressway Association-Membership-412.20; High West Energy-Utilities-995.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Incorporated-Services-60.24; Ingram Library Services-Book Purchase-1,078.33; Intellichoice, Incorporated-709.77; Kimball Auto Parts-Supplies-217.79; Kimball County Hospital-Services-1,038.39; Kimball County Register of Deeds-Filing-10.00; L.L. Johnson Distributing Company-Parts-1,540.17; Masek Golf Car Company-Services-26.62; Masters Telecom LLC-Fax Service-15.88; Irma Mendoza-Contract Cleaning-750.00; Scott Noah-Supplies-1,000.00; OPTK Networks-Internet-35.00; Praise Windows Incorporated-Services-160.75; Sandberg Implement Incorporated-Equipment-470.15; Schadegg Oil Company & Motors Incorporated-Repairs-2,941.50; Staples-Supplies-124.16; TacticalGear.com-Supplies-715.88; Tracer Golf Accessories-Supplies-152.46; Van Diest Supply Company-Supplies-604.00; Verizon-Telephone-80.02; Verizon-Telephone-704.35; Verizon-Telephone-62.30; Viaero-Cell Phone-37.99; Viaero-Cell Phone-419.99; Jeremy J. Williams-Reimbursement-1,015.00; CenturyLink-Telephone-105.36; Napa Auto Parts-Supplies-663.00; Napa Auto Parts-Supplies-320.74; Kimball County Treasurer-Services-3,777.00; Combined Utilities-Utilities-2,958.70; International Institute of Municipal Clerks-Membership-160.00; CenturyLink-Telephone-209.57; United States Treasury-Services-175.00; FNBO-Services-1,355.76.