

Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
January 21, 2020

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on January 21, 2020 in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Prunty and Council members Bright, Shields and Baliman were present. There is one vacancy on Council. Also present were Water Superintendent Sisk, City Administrator Dean, City Treasurer Brower and City Clerk Terrill. The public was represented.

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.

Prunty called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Baliman, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Prunty acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Prunty opened discussion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kathy Porter to the City Council vacancy. Prunty advised the Council that he received only four letters of interest for the position. Prunty went onto say that he reviewed those letters with Council President Shields, and both agreed that Kathy Porter would be the best choice. Discussion was held on Kathy's husband, Sonny Porter, and his position on the Board of Public Works. Bright advised Council that he has had several people voice concern over that relationship. Shields added that he has had several people that believe Porter would be the best person for the position. Hadenfeldt advised Council that there is not a conflict of interest with Kathy Porter as a Council member and is common in small towns to have family members on several boards. Shields added that each would only have one vote on their respective boards. After further discussion, Shields moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kathy Porter to the City Council vacancy, no second. Motion dies.

Prunty opened discussion to elect the President of the City Council. Baliman moved and seconded by Bright to approve Matt Bright as City Council President. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Baliman and Bright. Nay: Shields. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty introduced Wanda Madden of the Kimball Senior Center advising Council that discussion was not allowed as it is not on the agenda. Madden thanked the City for all their work and presented Council with a donation to be used for improving Gotte Park. Council thanked Madden.

Prunty opened discussion to approve recommended rate increases to the Kimball Cemetery. Prunty advised Council that the Cemetery recommended Council approval to the perpetual care charge of \$200.00 and the second right of internment charge of \$300.00. After discussion, Baliman moved and

seconded by Bright to approve the Cemetery rate changes as recommended by the Kimball Cemetery Board. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Baliman, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider funding the City of Kimball Pool. Dean advised Council that there is a memo in the packet with a rough estimate for a new outdoor and indoor pool. Discussion was held on increasing the sales tax one-half percent. Prunty stated that this should be a decision of the Kimball residents in the upcoming election. After further discussion, Baliman moved and seconded by Shields to have City Attorney Hadenfeldt prepare a resolution for the February 18, 2020 meeting to include increasing the sales tax by one-half percent on the 2020 ballot. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Baliman, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider accepting bids for the fitness center equipment. Dean advised Council that there have been a couple of interests in taking over the fitness center at a different location. Discussion was held on the benefits of the fitness center moving to private hands. Council members agreed that they would like to accept proposals. Baliman asked that the City hang a banner or put notice on the Event Center marquee advertising that the City is accepting proposals for the fitness center equipment. After discussion, Baliman moved and seconded by Bright to direct the City Administrator to draft proposal for the fitness center equipment. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Baliman, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the Business Façade Improvement Grant, Hays Roofing. Dean advised Council that the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommended approval of the grant contingent on Hays submitting receipts for the materials purchased at ZM Lumber in Scottsbluff as that portion would only qualify for 60% reimbursement. Baliman moved and seconded by Shields to approve the Business Façade Improvement Grant for Hays Roofing contingent on the receipts submitted by Hays not to exceed \$76,720.00. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Baliman, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the Business Infrastructure Improvement Grant, GRI. Dean advised Council that the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommended Council approval of the grant which was used to purchase a new HVAC system. Baliman moved and seconded by Bright to approve the Business Infrastructure Improvement Grant for GRI in the amount of \$6,632.28. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Baliman, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to approve the Mayor's signature on the Nebraska Department of Transportation City Maintenance Agreement. Baliman moved and seconded by Shields to approve the Mayor's signature on the Nebraska Department of Transportation City Maintenance Agreement. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Baliman, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The City Council reviewed the following items under the consent agenda:

1. Minutes from the regular City Council meeting December 17, 2019;
2. Claims;
3. Financial Statements.

Baliman moved and seconded by Bright to approve the consent agenda as presented. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Baliman, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Administrators Report: Dean advised Council that the Power Plant is still experiencing issues with the radiators and Lance has been working to repair or replace those. Dean went on to say that Tim Cervaney with MEAN came out to look at the Power Plant. Dean added that the Plant is still on emergency status and one option for the City is to reduce the output to 5 MW which would carry the City in an emergency.

Dean advised that the Economic Development position had 11 applicants. He went on to say that three were interviewed and he is waiting for background checks.

Mayor Report: Prunty advised he has been talking to the local realtors and was told Dix, Kimball, Bushnell and Potter have a combined 28 houses for sale. Prunty added that he gave them the information on the Evergreen lots owned by the City so they can advertise them.

The next regular meeting will be January 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. There being no further business, Bright moved and seconded by Baliman to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Baliman, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

Katherine Terrill, City Clerk

City of Kimball-City Council Meeting-General Claims-January 21, 2020-Black Hills Energy, LLC-Gas Service-1,144.85; Dollar General Corporation-Supplies-32.50; Hinton's Lock & Alarm-Software-32.50; Nebraska Public Health Enviro Lab-Blood Alcohol Test-210.00; The Right Impression-Services-26.85; Voyager Fleet Systems-Fuel-166.43; Combined Utilities-Utilities-2,444.69; Combined Utilities-Cemetery-Storage Building-3.08; Combined Utilities-Cemetery-Maintenance Building-284.66; Combined Utilities-Cemetery-Fountain EL & WT-7.75; Dollar General Corporation-Supplies-20.50; Ideal Linen Supply, Inc.-Supplies-62.72; Jim O'Brien-Services-35.60; Panhandle Coop-Fuel-1,730.69; Panhandle Coop Association-Supplies-24.58; Staples-Office Supplies-1,860.85; Viaero-Cell Phone-43.41; C. W. Golf Management, LLC-Management Fees-4,735.00; Black Hills Energy, LLC-Gas Service-869.32; Powerplan-Parts-784.69; Windstream-Long Distance-9.53; CenturyLink-Telephone-579.35; CenturyLink-Telephone-135.39; Visa-Charges-Supplies-1,838.65; Great America Financial Services-Lease-Copier-126.26; Barbi Koehn-Refund/Event Center-100.00; High West Energy-Utilities-1,403.00; Charter Communications-Internet-323.25; Viaero-Cell Phone-123.31; ABDO-Book Purchase-559.55; Baker & Taylor Books-Book Purchase-609.10; Best Books, Inc.-Book Purchase-887.51; Black Hills Energy, LLC-Gas Service-1,308.73; Center Point Large Print-Book Purchase-137.82; City of Kimball-Transfer-Landfill-9.75; Combined Utilities-City Utilities-1,978.38; Connecting Point-Copy Usage-135.61; Contractors Materials, Inc.-Supplies-490.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company-Light-114.81; DAS State Accounting-Communication Support-44.00; DP Electronic LLC/Radio Shack-Pro Shop Security-21.49; Dollar General Corporation-Supplies-29.90;

Tiffani Dye-Cleaning-60.00; EMC Insurance-Premium-256.71; Gale/Cengage Learning-Book Purchase-65.58; Galls, LLC-Supplies-215.89; Glass Act Window Cleaning-Services-50.00; Hometown Hardware-Supplies-346.77; Ideal Linen Supply, Inc.-Supplies-254.50; International Institute of Municipal Clerks-Membership-195.00; Intralinks, Inc.-Support-106.25; Kimball County Treasurer-Tax Refund-1,995.25; Kimball Auto Parts-Supplies-435.00; Kimball Event Center-Rent-200.00; Kimball Handyman Project-Handyman Project-487.89; Kimball Health Services-Services-2,604.46; Kimball Insurance-Premium-108,695.85; League of NE Municipalities-Conference-390.00; Lynn Peavey Company-Kits-71.00; NMC, Inc-Supplies-375.38; Napa Auto Parts-Parts-199.49; Prairie Animal Hospital-Services-373.62; Prestige Welding & Repair-Repairs-12.04; Quill Corporation-Supplies-304.95; Simmons Olsen Law Firm, P.C.-Professional Services-2,590.20; Simmons Olsen Law Firm, P.C.-Prosecutions-446.50; Sonny's Bike & Fitness-Repairs-210.00; Royal K. Sutton-Book Purchase-28.50; Turfwerks-Parts-284.82; Vince's Corner-Services-24.00; Jeremy J. Williams-Reimbursement-Conference-163.29; Wolf Automotive Center, Inc.-Repairs-492.02; Jim Zitek-Overpayment Membership-15.00.

City of Kimball-Economic Development Claims-January 21, 2020-George Risk Industries, Inc.-Facade Grant-1,639.47; Karen's Kitchen-Advance Loan LB840-1,273.88; Karen's Kitchen-Facade Grant-7,472.35; Kimball State Bank-Facade Grant-1,102.50; Karen's Kitchen-Advance Loan LB840-4,181.46; Staples-Supplies-67.96; Karen's Kitchen-Advance Loan LB840-2,184.76; Hometown Hardware-Advance Loan LB840-180,000.00; Karen's Kitchen-Incentive-500.00; CenturyLink-Telephone-68.14; Visa-Conference-124.90; Charter Communications-Internet-43.27; Viaero-Cell Phone -26.21; Connecting Point-Copy Usage-47.07; Dollar General Corporation-Supplies-5.95; Kimball County Treasurer-Funds-1,000.00; Kimball Health Services-Services-46.31; Kimball Insurance-Premium-150.00; Panhandle Coop Association-Supplies-9.58; Sidney Sun-Telegraph, Inc.-Services-50.75; Simmons Olsen Law Firm, P.C.-LB840-175.50; The Diner C/O Loren Knotts-Business Facade Grant-2,153.34.