

Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
July 16, 2019

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on July 16, 2019 in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Prunty and Council members Bright, Shields and Warner were present. Council member Baliman was absent. Also present were Water Superintendent Sisk, Special Projects Coordinator Sapp, Street Superintendent Shoup, 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: Warner, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Prunty acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Warner moved and seconded by Shields to excuse Baliman from the meeting. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to approve the bid for the 2019 Chip Seal Project. Street Supervisor Shoup advised the Council that the project will cover 21,000 square yards. After discussion, Shields moved and seconded by Bright to approve the bid from Topkote in the amount of \$77,292 for the 2019 Chip Seal Project. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to receive an update on the Kimball Swimming Pool. Water Superintendent Sisk reported several issues with the aging pool including: the concrete shell, heaters, pumps, motors and painting. Shields asked Dean to work with Sisk to complete a list of all the issues ranked by importance/urgency.

Prunty opened discussion to consider the Business Infrastructure Grant for Frank Parts. After discussion, Warner moved and seconded by Bright to approve the Business Infrastructure Grant for Frank Parts in the amount of \$6,237.54. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider the Business Façade Improvement Grant for Goodhand Theater. After discussion, Shields moved and seconded by Bright to approve the Business Façade Improvement

Grant for Goodhand Theater in the amount of \$1,820.00. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider the Business Façade Improvement Grant for Kimball Auto Parts. After discussion, Warner moved and seconded by Bright to approve the Business Façade Improvement Grant for Kimball Auto Parts in the amount of \$284.00. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider the Business Façade Improvement Grant for Kimball State Bank. After discussion, Shields moved and seconded by Bright to approve the Business Façade Improvement Grant for Kimball State Bank in the amount of \$6,353.90. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider the Business Infrastructure Grant for Triangle Partners (Conoco). After discussion, Warner moved and seconded by Bright to approve the Business Infrastructure Grant for Triangle Partners (Conoco) in the amount of \$4,559.84. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider the Business Façade Improvement Grant for Woody's Liquor. After discussion, Warner moved and seconded by Shields to approve the Business Façade Improvement Grant for Woody's Liquor in the amount of \$1,724.20. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider the Business Façade Improvement Grant for Nebraska Coffee. After discussion, Warner moved and seconded by Bright to approve the Business Façade Improvement Grant for Nebraska Coffee in the amount of \$5,100.00. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider the Business Infrastructure Grant for the Kimball Senior Center. Sapp advised Council that this grant would be payable upon completion and the receipts have been submitted. After discussion, Shields moved and seconded by Bright to approve the Business Infrastructure Grant for the Kimball Senior Center in the amount of \$2,600.00. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider creating an Entertainment District in the downtown area. Sapp advised Council that there are only three communities in Nebraska that has an Entertainment District. Sapp went on to say the process could take up to two years to get everything finalized. Sapp went

through the requirements with the Council. Hadenfeldt stated that we would need to submit an ordinance to the Liquor Commission for approval. After further discussion, Warner moved and seconded by Bright to have Sapp move forward on creating an Entertainment District and report back to Council with more information as she gets it. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider the Longhorn proposal. Sapp advised Council that Shane Hayes submitted a proposal to renovate the Longhorn building. Sapp went on to say that in January 2019 the City Council approved earmarking \$100,000 in Economic Development funds to secure the building, pay the back taxes, abate the asbestos and demolition, if needed. Sapp said that the city paid the back taxes, secured the outside of the building and set aside funds for a 50/50 grant to abate the asbestos. Sapp said that the City put out an RFP requesting bids on the property but did not receive any. Sapp went on to say that Hays is requesting the \$100,000 that has been earmarked go towards his renovations and to be allowed to apply for other incentive programs. Warner added that those programs are available to any business owner with a business plan. Discussion was held on Bright's Facebook post and his concerns with the City funding too much of the project. John Morrison, Kimball resident, addressed the Council stating that the \$100,000 was already allocated for the project and if someone wants to fix the building, the Council should approve it. After further discussion, Warner moved and seconded by Shields to authorize use of the \$100,000 that was earmarked and drafting an agreement with Shane Hays. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner and Shields. Nay: Bright. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider promissory agreement with the Business Façade Improvement Grant and Business Infrastructure Grant contractors. Sapp advised Council that this has been discussed at the Citizen Advisory Committee and it would help business owners that are not able to spend large amounts of money on projects before being reimbursed. Hadenfeldt said he does not think it is a good idea as we would be interjecting ourselves into the relationship with the contractor. Hadenfeldt went on to say that if there is a dispute between the contractor and the business the City would be put in the middle of it. Discussion held on whether it would work best to go through the Loan Advisory Committee as a grant or loan. Warner stated that if the Loan Advisory Committee doesn't like the idea that she would like Sapp to bring it back to the Council. After further discussion, Warner moved and seconded by Bright to table the discussion on the promissory agreement. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider Resolution 2019-01 for the Kimball Airport Authority. Ryan McElroy, Chairman of the Airport Authority, advised the Council that the resolution was approved at last night's meeting. McElroy went on to say that the requested tax amounts have not changed for several years. Warner moved and seconded by Shields to approve Resolution 2019-01, tax request for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, for the Kimball Airport Authority. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider making Mary Lynch Road one way. Jamie Soper, Mary Lynch Principal, advised Council that they are making changes at the school to make it safer for the children. Soper went on to say that they want the road to run one direction from the south to the north. After further discussion, Warner moved and seconded by Bright to designate the one-way street to have traffic travel from south to north and to have the ordinance at the August 20, 2019 Council meeting but to install the sign and to start enforcing it immediately. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discuss to receive the 2019/2020 FY draft general budget. Prunty advised Council that the BPW will be reviewing the utility budgets on the 23rd.

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

1. Minutes from the June 18, 2019 regular City Council meeting;
2. Claims;
3. Financial Statements.

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

Administrator Report: Dean reported on the dam at the walking trail. Dean also advised Council that the concrete project has been put out for bids.

Mayor's Report: Prunty advised Council that the asbestos in the Longhorn will be abated this week.

Prunty stated there will be a special budget workshop meeting on August 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and the next regular meeting will be August 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. There being no further business, Bright moved and seconded by Shields to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: Baliman. Motion carried.

Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

Katherine Terrill, City Clerk