

Kimball City Council
Budget Workshop Meeting
August 7, 2019

A budget workshop 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, Baliman and Warner were present. Also present were Water Superintendent Sisk, Street Superintendent Shoup, Power Plant Superintendent Terrill, Library Director Sears, Police Chief Bremer, 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 6:03 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright, Baliman 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 2019-2020 FY budget. Discussion held on the pool. Sisk advised the Council of all the repairs that are needed including possibly purchasing a cover for the pool and a handicap lift. After discussion, Warner stated that the Council needs to see some figures so they can decide on purchasing a lift and cover or if they need to look into possibly building a new pool.

Council went through the utility departments budget. Warner asked Board of Public Works Chair Sonny Porter if there were any major capital items or repairs that were needed. Porter discussed the VFD's for the water wells advising Council that the VFD that was budgeted this year will instead be installed next year with two other VFD's. Porter went on to say that doing this will save quite a bit on the installation. Discussion was held on improvements and upgrades with other utility departments.

Discussion held on the general budgets. Bright asked about bidding out the maintenance for the parks. Shoup said that has never been done. Prunty said that we maintain it because it is city property.

John Morrison, Kimball resident, asked Council if it was possible to start saving for street repairs. Discussion was held setting money aside in the future for repairs. Morrison asked why sales tax is projected so low. Dean stated losing Shopko and just being conservative.

Discussion was held on earmarking funds yearly for street repairs. Council said that they would like to see funds set aside for repairs.

Discussion was held on the police budget. Shields asked Bremer about the current pick up trucks. Bremer said that they have worked out well. Dean said that the Council should put money aside yearly for replacing police department vehicles. Bright asked Bremer how many miles he planned to run the pickups before trading. Bremer stated he would like to trade them after the warranty expires.

Discussion was held on the Library budget. Sears advised the Council that they raised the proposed based on what they spent this year. Dean advised Council that Sears doesn't want to pay for IT salary and that the Library computers are on a separate server. Sears said she would prefer to pay by the hour instead of the \$2,224 for the year. Discussion held on the IT and the possibility of a new Innovations Studio at the Library. Warner advised that she would encourage Dean and Sears to find a way to offset the flat rate. Dean said they would work on it. Sears advised the Council that money needs to be put aside for the sidewalks also.

Discussion was held on the Event Center. Dean advised Council that Sapp has budgeted to have a full-time position that will be split with the Economic Development as an assistant for Sapp. Bright stated that the city shouldn't be in the event planning business. Warner stated that when the city discussed closing the Event Center that the citizen's made it very clear that they did not want the city to close the Event Center. Discussion was held on selling the building and having a sports/community complex. After further discussion, Prunty stated that would need to be a future agenda item but it can not be discussed. Dean suggested giving the Event Center fulltime position for a year and evaluate the situation in June or July to see what impact the fulltime position has.

Discussion held on the Economic Development budget. Prunty pointed out that \$1,000,000 was budgeted in the expense side as usual in case a business comes in to ask for a large loan. Porter asked if the Longhorn project is in the budget. Dean advised that money would come out of the loans.

Discussion held on the key card system at the Fitness Center. Baliman asked if there is a different route we can go. Dean asked Terrill about the system. Terrill advised Council that the last issue was due to someone moving the wires in the office.

After further discussion, Prunty asked Council if there were any more questions or comments on the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget other than what was discussed. There being no further business, Baliman moved and seconded by Bright to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright, Baliman and Shields. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

Katherine Terrill, City Clerk