

Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
January 21, 2014

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on January 21, 2014 at the City Council Chambers. Mayor Schnell and Council members Warner, Shields, Christensen and Morrison were present. Also present were City Administrator Ortiz, City Attorney Hadenfeldt, Police Chief Huff, City Clerk Russell and City Treasurer Strauch. 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.

Schnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Schnell acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Schnell opened discussion on the Keno grant application from Kimball High School WorldStrides Program. Mo Hanks, WorldStrides Sponsor, provided a background of the program. In the 1990's Kimball sent students to Washington DC as part of the Close-Up Program but when the September 11, 2001 events happened, the trip was cancelled and students did not attend for over 10 years. In 2009, Civics became a required class for seniors and the WorldStrides Program was started. This year will be the fourth group that has gone to Washington DC in the last five years and they are trying to make it as affordable as possible for the students. There will be six students going on the trip this year and four of them were in attendance.

Shields said two years ago his wife and son went on this trip and had a great time and it was very educational for them. There being no further discussion, Shields moved and Christensen seconded to approve keno funds in the amount of \$1,400 for the WorldStrides Program. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, Christensen, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Schnell asked the students to assist with the spring clean-up as a way to repay the City for granting the funds.

Schnell opened discussion on Ordinance 705 to amend Title III of the Kimball Municipal Code. Ortiz indicated this was a change requested by the Library Director. The Library Board has had some difficulty getting people to serve on the board and they amended their by-laws to allow either a city or county resident to serve on the Library Board in

order to expand their pool of candidates. Strauch indicated that the county does contribute funds to the Library.

There being no further discussion, Warner moved and Christensen seconded to introduce Ordinance 705 and waive the requirement of reading on three different days. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, Christensen and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Schnell read Ordinance 705 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 705

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, NEBRASKA, AMENDING KIMBALL MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE III: ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Warner moved and Morrison seconded to pass and approve Ordinance 705. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, Christensen and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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

1. Minutes from the January 7, 2014 meeting;
2. Financial Statements;
3. Claims; and
4. Approve Certificate of Compliance for Year 2013 with the Nebraska Department of Roads.

After some discussion, Morrison moved and Warner seconded to approve the consent agenda items. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded. Aye: Warner, Shields, Christensen, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Ortiz reported on the Economic Development Committee meeting and their thoughts about waiting until the November general election to research alternative wording for the ballot questions.

Ortiz will be attending a MEAN meeting in North Platte and at that meeting they will decide the type of rate increases and budget for their next fiscal year. Their fiscal year goes into effect April 1st. Ortiz will keep council members updated on this.

The Midwinter Conference will be on February 24th and 25th and Ortiz asked council members to let staff know if they plan to attend.

Ortiz reported the Board of Public Works adopted a new policy with regard to shut off notices for utilities. The policy of providing at least four notifications was becoming very labor intensive for staff. This year, only two notices are sent for the utility bills; the bill

itself and a courtesy notice. Ortiz said that over time people will catch on.

Huff reported his department has been trying to set up realistic active shooter scenarios with the school. Last week, they had the opportunity to set one up at the high school involving simulated shots so that staff and teachers would know what it is like to hear actual shots fired in the school. They purchased training guns and set up the scenario where after the shots were fired the action team was given the response. Huff commented on an on-line security feed where they can actually view the action. Huff said there needs to be more training with their equipment; however, it was a good experience for the school. He has asked the school to set up training where there could actually be students present. In the future, he is hoping to do a full scenario involving the EMS. Huff commented on some training his department will attend and said being pro-active about training is very important.

Schnell reported that the SRO, Ryan Smith, and the school are getting into a good comfort zone and working together.

The next regular City Council meeting is February 4, 2014 and the League of Nebraska Municipalities Conference is February 24 and 25, 2014 in Lincoln.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Shields moved and Christensen seconded to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, Christensen, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

James Schnell, Mayor

Rosemarie Russell, City Clerk

City of Kimball-General Claims-January 21, 2014-United States Treasury-Tax Deposit-328.54; Visa-Firstier Bank- Charges- -1,386.51; ABDO-Spotlight-Magic Wagon-Book Purchase-334.15; ALSCO-Supplies-92.00; ASCAP-2014 Basic License- 330.00; Baker & Taylor Books-Book Purchase-281.54; Sheryl Biesecker-Contract Cleaning-330.00; Center Point Large Print-Book Purchase-127.02; CenturyLink-Telephone-131.93; CenturyLink-Telephone-86.52; CenturyLink-Telephone-269.72; CenturyLink-Telephone-435.76; Combined Utilities-Utilities-578.19; Component Fabricators Inc.-Repairs-165.11; Demco-Supplies-77.01; Dollar General Corporation-Supplies-37.60; FYR-TEK, Inc.-Pump Testing-1,426.80; High West Energy-Utilities-1,032.33; Hometown Hardware-Suppleis-41.31; Ideal Linen Supply, Inc.-Supplies-244.50; Intralinks, Inc.-Software-718.13; Kimball Auto Parts-Parts-29.62; Kimball Bakery-Supplies-19.80; Kimball Insurance-Insurance Premium-97,950.93; Kimball Laundry-Runners-32.10; Kimball Plumbing-Service-85.00; Kimball Rural Fire District-Premium-45.00; Kimball Service Center-RepairTires-36.00; M.A. LaBate-Contract Cleaning-60.00; Nina LaBate-Contract Cleaning-60.00; MicroMarketing, LLC-Book Purchase-372.67; Napa Auto Parts-Supplies-58.35; NE Concrete Paving Association-Registration-215.00; Off Broadway Business Products-Supplies-902.98; Panhandle Coop-Fuel-2,920.46; Panhandle Coop Association-Supplies-149.71; Presto-X- Contract-76.26; Pumpkin Books-Book Purchase-279.86; Quality Books Inc.-Book Purchase-1,392.72; Regional Books, Inc. -

Book Purchase-585.72; Rosie Russell-Reimbursement-130.20; Jim Ryschon-Reimbursement-64.80; Salem Press, Inc.- Book Purchase-215.00; Sandberg Implement Inc.-Parts-229.80; Janet Sears-Reimbursement-12.09; Bruce Sigette-Refund- 24.95; Simmons Olsen Law Firm, P.C.- Professional Services-1,174.00; SourceGas, LLC-Gas Service-1,739.80; State Fire Marshal Training Division-Certifications-250.00; Sysco Denver, Inc.-Supplies- 1,807.09; The Right Impression-Dog Tags-102.00; The Thompson Company-Supplies-267.93; United Rotary Brush Corporation-Brushes - 1,514.76; Van Diest Supply Company-Chemicals-5,805.23; Viaero-Cell Phone-63.50; Vince's Corner-Fuel-87.09; Windstream-Long Distance-11.78; Xerox Corporation-Copier Maintenance-136.43. City of Kimball-Economic Development Claims-January 21, 2014-CenturyLink-Telephone-51.25; ED Suite-Website Design-6,955.25; Kimball Insurance-Premium-1,824.40; NEDA-Annual Dues-100.00; Simmons Olsen Law Firm, P.C.-Professional Services-307.50.