

Kimball City Council  
Regular Meeting  
August 21, 2014

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 7:38 p.m. on August 21, 2014 in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Schnell and Council members Warner, Shields, Morrison and Christensen were present. Also present were Deputy City Attorney Hoelsing, City Administrator Ortiz, Police Chief Huff, Economic Development Director Bowling, City Treasurer Strauch and City Clerk Russell. 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 7:38 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 the Farmer's Day Committee. Assunta Calise, Farmer's Day Chairperson, said they are requesting \$4,000 to help with the annual Farmer's Day celebration; \$2,000 of that goes for the use of the Event Center. Shields inquired if this would be considered an operating cost and it was determined it wouldn't.

There being no further discussion, Warner moved and Shields seconded to approve the Keno Grant Application from the Farmer's Day Committee in the amount of \$4,000. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, Morrison and Christensen. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Schnell opened discussion on the Economic Development Plan amendment. The recommendation from the Economic Development Committee was to wait. There was no further discussion.

Schnell opened discussion on the application for Special Designated License from TLC Enterprises, d/b/a Good Times Bar and Grill for a dance and beer garden on September 26, 2014, alternate date of September 27, 2014. Morrison said this is for the Farmer's Day celebration. Warner inquired if there have been issues in the past with this event and Calise indicated that when they tried to do this last year, it was rained out and they

had to move to the Event Center. Huff said the Farmer's Day Committee typically pays for an off-duty officer. This year, to keep the costs down, they have requested just a simple police presence of stopping in. Huff said he will have the appropriate staffing for the activities as well. Calise said they will have people at both gates and wrist bands will be provided. Discussion was held on the owner and operator of the bakery and Christensen suggested obtaining permission from them. Calise said they are just using the lot but will provide a courtesy notification.

There being no further discussion, Christensen moved and Morrison seconded to approve the application for Special Designated License from TLC Enterprises, d/b/a Good Times Bar and Grill for a dance and beer garden on September 26, 2014, alternate date of September 27, 2014. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, Morrison and Christensen. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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

1. Minutes from the August 5, 2014 joint city/county meeting and August 5, 2014 regular meeting;
2. Claims;
3. Financial Statement; and
4. Ratify the Kimball Volunteer Fire Department members.

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

Ortiz reported MEAN is looking at a \$6 million shortfall. There are a couple difference scenarios to explain it: it has been a mild summer and supply is high and demand is low and less power is sold at a lesser rate. Ortiz commented on a cost of service study.

Ortiz is very frustrated with MEAN's executive leadership. He is not quite sure what is going to happen with MEAN. Ortiz added that there was a suggestion to adjust the winter rates and raise by 15%. The MEAN Board decided to adopt the 6 ½% for the winter rates and have a customer surcharge. He said they haven't adjusted their projections for the winter months. The \$6 million gap will probably grow to \$10 million. Ortiz said there was a smaller committee created that is going to look at cost of service recommendations.

Ortiz commented on the WAPA allocations. The City's agreement with WAPA is currently up for review; however, MEAN cannot touch the WAPA allocations.

Ortiz commented on the ERGE testing done at the Power Plant. One of the issues is that MEAN is going to create a scorecard for the cities that still have generation capacity. He feels that those cities that are not able to generate reliably will be "dinged".

The budget workshop will be concluded on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. The next City Council meeting is September 2, 2014. The League of Nebraska Annual Conference is September 24 to 26, 2014.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Christensen moved and Morrison seconded to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, Morrison and Christensen. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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James Schnell, Mayor

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Rosemarie D. Russell, City Clerk

City of Kimball-City Council Meeting-General Claims-August 21, 2014-Chad Wise-Golf Pro Compensation-2,916.00; Arnold Pool Company-Chemicals-1,520.78; Baker & Taylor Books-Book Purchase-672.67; Sheryl Biesecker-Contract Cleaning-330.00; Brown Transfer Co.-Freight-80.64; C & M Air Cooled Engine, Inc.-Parts-510.64; Center Point Large Print -Book Purchase-127.02; CenturyLink-Telephone-85.37; CenturyLink-Telephone-132.30; CenturyLink-Telephone-88.33; CenturyLink-Telephone-516.61; Charter Communications-Internet-223.00; Check's Ice Co.-Ice-21.25; Combined Utilities- Utilities-3,561.21; Connecting Point-Copy Usage-47.96; Croell Redi-Mix-Concrete-2,960.00; Demco-Supplies-327.81; Digital Ally-Supplies-30.00; Dollar General Corporation-Supplies-14.00; Everett & Nancy Durham-Tree Grant-51.77; Fastenal Company-Supplies-17.65; Frank Implement Company-Parts-1,969.50; Frenchman Valley Coop-Chemicals - 88.30; Frenchman Valley Coop-Bulk Diesel-1,875.26; High Plains Budweiser-Liquor Purchase-180.00; High West Energy -Utilities-6,231.44; Hometown Hardware-Supplies-1,605.70; Ideal Linen Supply, Inc.-Supplies-327.52; Intralinks, Inc.- Annual Fee-128.89; Kimball Auto Parts-Parts-344.87; Kimball Public Schools-Supplies-915.84; Kimball Service Center- Vehicle Maintenance-202.19; League of NE Municipalities-Membership Dues-3,527.00; Leta Liesch-Reimbursement-58.48; Little Department Store-Shelf-100.00; Miller Office Supply-Office Supplies-53.60; Napa Auto Parts-Generator- 1,135.12; Nebraska Library Commission-Classes-20.00; OCLC, Inc.-Subscription-178.56; Off Broadway Business Products-Supplies-37.50; Pack Rat Enterprises-Garbage Collection-100.00; Panhandle Coop-Fuel-2,991.25; Panhandle Coop Association-Supplies-304.73; Pepsi-Cola of Western Nebraska-Pepsi Products-42.65; Pine Bluffs Gravel & Excavating, Inc.-Rock-609.12; Prestige MFG.-Tube-168.96; Presto-X-Monthly Contract-80.53; Pumpkin Books-Book Purchase-130.91; RR Donnelley-Application-85.66; Regional Books, Inc.-Book Purchase-23.35; STP Auto Service- Vehicle Maintenance-582.54; Scottsbluff Screenprinting & Emb. LLC-Custom Embroidery-52.00; Sherwin-Williams Co.-Supplies-170.90; Shopko Stores Operating Co.-Supplies-145.80; Simmons Olsen Law Firm, P.C.-Professional Services-2,978.48; SourceGas, LLC-Gas Service-2,229.10; Star-Herald Newspaper-Subscription-230.29; Stotz Equipment-Parts- 401.12; The Smoke-Eater Publications-Subscriptions-14.00; The Thompson Company-Supplies-293.90; Viaero-Cell Phone Usage-32.25; Vince's Corner-Fuel-116.80; Visa-Firstier Bank-Charges-4,780.34; Voyager Fleet Systems-Fuel- 168.85; WPCI-Screening-28.50; Windstream-Telephone-

5.56; Chad Wise-Credit Cards-3,702.76; Wolfe Sand & Gravel Co.- Sand-126.00; Xerox Corporation-Copier Maintenance-154.92.

City of Kimball-Economic Development-Claims-August 21, 2014-Kimball Recruitment Coalition-Intern Program-1,200.00; CenturyLink-Telephone-60.77; Charter Communications-Internet-39.75; Connecting Point-Copy Usage-1.71; Intralinks, Inc.-Annual Fee-32.22; Kimball Public Schools-Supplies-120.96; Viaero-Cell Phone Usage-32.25; Visa-Firstier Bank-Charges-68.66.