

Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
December 2, 2014

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on December 2, 2014 in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Schnell and Council members Warner, Shields, Morrison and Christensen were present. Also present were City Attorney Hadenfeldt, City Administrator Ortiz, Police Chief Huff, City Treasurer Sisk and City Clerk Russell. The public was represented.

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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.

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

1. Minutes from the November 18, 2014 regular city council meeting; and
2. Claims.

Warner 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.

Schnell presented appreciation gifts and comments to departing Council members Warner and Christensen. Warner said it has been an honor to serve. Christensen offered thanks to the City for the opportunity.

Council president Morrison presented Mayor Schnell with an appreciation gift and comments for the years served on as Mayor. Schnell said it has been an honor. He commented on the rail spur and wanting to see that come to fruition. Schnell said one of his hardest decisions was taking the Corner Bar down. He commented one of the things he loved to do the most was working with the Civics class. Schnell appreciates everyone he has had the opportunity to work with and everyone has done a great job.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Christensen moved and Warner seconded to adjourn sine die at 7:07 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.

James Schnell, Mayor

Rosemarie D. Russell, City Clerk

City of Kimball-City Council Meeting-General Claims-December 2, 2014-CenturyLink-Charge-85.00; CenturyLink- Telephone-57.39; Combined Utilities-Utilities-4,230.32; Consolidated Management Company-Meal Plan-36.00; Croell Redi-Mix-Sand-1,440.00; Hometown Hardware-Supplies-652.27; Ideal Linen Supply, Inc.-Supplies-107.47; Keep Kimball Beautiful-Shredding-9.56; Kimball Bakery-Supplies-100.00; Kimball Event Center-Rent-500.00; Kimball Service Center- Maintenance-201.58; L.W. Cartage Co.- Lot Rent-100.00; Lynn Peavey Company-Supplies-154.75; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc.-Inspections-507.00; Panhandle Coop-Fuel-141.98; Presto-X-Monthly Contract-80.50; SourceGas, LLC-Gas Service-736.61; Southern Uniform & Equipment-Uniforms-570.42; Staples-Charges-148.53; The Right Impression-Plaque-26.85; Russ Thompson-Contract Cleaning-50.00; Vince's Corner-Car Washing-12.00; Voyager Fleet Systems-Fuel-265.91; WatchGuard Video-Cameras-9,882.00; Windstream-Long Distance-5.91; Safetyline Consultants, Inc.-Safety Training-1,500.00.

City of Kimball-Economic Development Claims-December 2, 2014-Kimball County Treasurer-990/995 Split-1,000.00

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Prunty called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

City Clerk Russell administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Prunty and Council members Schnell and Warner.

Prunty opened elections for Council President. Shields moved and Schnell seconded to nominate Morrison as Council President and that nominations cease. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, Morrison and Schnell. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the Mayor's appointments for positions, boards and committees, newspaper, radio stations and banks. Prunty indicated that appointments remained the same except Adrian Fuss replaces Christy Warner on the Economic Development Committee, James Merryfield replaces Prunty on the Board of Public Works and Gregg Fossand replaces Tim Klassen on the Board of Public Works. Morrison commented on the appointments and questioned why Klassen is being replaced. Prunty indicated Fossand is a breath of fresh air and will bring new ideas. Morrison commented on having good people on the boards and keeping them on the boards if they are doing a good job. Prunty commented that if there are people who are willing to serve, they should be given a chance.

There being no further discussion, Warner moved and Shields seconded to approve the Mayor's appointments for positions, boards and committees, newspaper, radio stations and banks. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, Morrison and Schnell. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Boards and Appointed Officials
December 2, 2014

Board	Member	Initial Appoint Date	Appoint Date	Expire Date
Board of Public Works (4 Year)	James Merryfield		12/14	12/18
	Greg Fossand		12/14	12/18
Planning Commission (3 Year)	Bob Culek	9/13	12/14	12/17
	Assunta Calise	6/14	12/14	12/17
	Penny Merryfield	7/12	12/14	12/17
Cemetery Board (3 Year)	Betty Allen	1/00	12/14	12/17
	Pat Sibal	12/99	12/14	12/17
Park & Recreation Board (4 Year)	Keith Prunty			12/18
Economic Development Loan / Citizen's Advisory Committee (Annual Appointment)	Bob Abramson	06/10	12/14	12/15
	Josh Enevoldsen	12/11	12/14	12/15
	Roger Wynne	06/10	12/14	12/15
	Tammy Land	06/10	12/14	12/15
	Larry Walker	7/13	12/14	12/15
	Adrian Fuss		12/14	12/15
Airport Authority (6 Year)	Jason Lockwood	9/2009	12/14	12/20
	Lockwood did not file for election but did agree to be reappointed.			
City Administrator	Daniel Ortiz	12/12	12/14	
City Clerk / Deputy Treasurer	Rosemarie Russell	10/11	12/14	
City Treasurer / Deputy Clerk	Laurie Sisk	10/14	12/14	
	Kent Hadenfeldt-Simmons			
City Attorney	Olsen Law Firm PC	12/10	12/14	
Chief of Police	Darren Huff	4/13	12/14	
City Physician	Kimball Health Services			
	Chief of Staff	1/07	12/14	
City Newspapers	Western Nebraska Observer		12/14	
	Star-Herald		12/14	
City Radio Station	KSID Sidney		12/14	
	KYOY Radio - Kimball		12/14	
Banks	Points West Community Bank		12/14	
	FirsTier Bank		12/14	

Prunty opened discussion on the State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development Civic and Community Center Financing Fund Assistance Award Contract No. 14-03-180. Ortiz indicated this is for the Event Center to formalize the formal acceptance for the State so the City can receive the funds for the Event Center renovations. Ortiz said bids will be requested to replace the roof. As far as the interior, the plans have been submitted to the State Fire Marshal. The City's goal is to have the project completed by spring. Ortiz reminded council members that 50% of the grant award will be released to the City upon full execution of the contract. He added that the funds have been allocated for this project and as the funds come in, the State will disburse them.

There being no further discussion, Schnell moved and Morrison seconded to authorize Mayor Prunty to sign the State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development Civic and Community Center Financing Fund Assistance Award Contract No. 14-03-180. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, Morrison and Schnell. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the bids received for City property west of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ortiz said a few months ago, the City was approached by Great Plains Communication to acquire land between the highway and the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the City followed the regulatory process to request bids from interested parties. The City received one bid from Great Plains Communications of \$20,000 for the property. The property contains an area of approximately 5.6 acres.

There being no further discussion, Schnell moved and Shields seconded to introduce Ordinance 717 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, Morrison and Schnell. Nay: None. Absent: None.. Motion carried.

Mayor Prunty read Ordinance 717 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 717

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY OF KIMBALL, NEBRASKA, DESCRIBED AS THE AREA WEST OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 15, RANGE 55 WEST, KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

Warner moved and Morrison seconded to pass and approve Ordinance 717. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, Morrison and Schnell. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Ortiz reported the underpass project public meeting will be rescheduled to sometime in January. The engineers are still working on three conceptual designs and looking at adding a fourth one. There have been some bids received in terms of cost estimates

and Ortiz commented on working on Union Pacific's right-of-way and the ability to obtain a contractor who is going to work with the rocks.

Ortiz reported he and Hinton attended a MEAN Board meeting a few weeks ago and commented on MEAN's \$6 million shortfall which will be passed onto their members. The members will be assessed the charges sometime in the February and March time frame. MEAN is going through many structural changes and their rate structure was inadequate. The City of Kimball will be looking at possible rate increases and typically relies upon MEAN to do their rate studies. However, Ortiz is not comfortable with MEAN doing the rate studies at this time. There is a great deal of uncertainty; therefore, Ortiz does not want to move forward with any rate changes until it is known what is going to be proposed. Ortiz is going to request proposals from other groups for rate studies.

Ortiz reported the Board of Public Works approved an amendment to the policy for disconnection of utilities for non-payment. The one thing that wasn't addressed at the time of the policy was what to do during extreme cold temperatures. The Board of Public Works authorized the amendment that the City Administrator can authorize suspension of disconnection of utilities during extreme cold temperatures and impose a late fee. Inquiries were made of cost analysis, private contractors and a two year study. Ortiz suggested this be brought forward to a future meeting as an agenda item so further discussion could be held.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Shields moved and Warner seconded to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, Morrison and Schnell. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

Rosemarie D. Russell, City Clerk