

Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
January 20, 2015

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on January 20, 2015 in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Prunty and Council members Warner, Shields, Morrison and Schnell 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.

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 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Prunty acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Prunty opened discussion on the proceeds of sale of the land in the area west of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ortiz said the City is wrapping up the sale process of this property to Great Plains Communications. The question has come up of what to do with the funds. There are needs for capital items at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The control panel needs to be upgraded and the last quote received for that was \$36,000. The \$20,000 from the sale of this property would go a long way towards helping upgrade the control panel.

Ortiz recommended the transfer of the proceeds from the sale of the property to the Board of Public Works with the caveat that the money be used towards a one-time capital improvement item. Warner inquired if this would include vehicles and Ortiz said it can be used for what they wish. The control panel is currently the most crucial need at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Ortiz said there are issues with the two heaters in the Wastewater Treatment Plant pits and it would cost \$2,800 to repair the two heaters. There is also an issue with heating in the main building where the control panel is located. Discussion had been held with regard to adjusting that by adding more insulation in that building. Ortiz reiterated that the control panel is the more critical aspect. It has been included on the capital improvement plan and it was going to be done as a depreciation schedule item or be tied into a bond of some sort.

Ortiz said the City should have enough cash on hand to cover the remaining \$16,000, and then the City would have some flexibility. Ortiz commented on the other project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is fencing the perimeter and this is not as much of a priority.

There being no further discussion, Warner moved and Schnell seconded to allow the Board of Public Works to use the \$20,000 for capital improvements on the control panel upgrade at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. 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.

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

1. Minutes from the January 6, 2015 regular city council meeting;
2. Claims;
3. Financial Statements; and
4. Ratify the Kimball Volunteer Fire Department members

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 Schnell. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Ortiz reported the substation project is going to be delayed due to weather. There will be some maintenance items that need to be addressed at the Power Plant before it generates. One of the issues is being able to run on natural gas. Ward Electric anticipates starting no earlier than the end of February, early March and the Power Plant will have to generate in April. Ortiz hopes to have the second Power Plant Operator hired before then.

Ortiz reported on an asphalt plant that will temporarily locate in Kimball. Ortiz said he will be looking at the Street Department projects for cost savings.

Ortiz will be attending a MEAN meeting this week and he will receive more details as far as rate structure.

Ortiz reported he is working on the RFP's for the cost of services rate study. Some of the City's rate structures have been in place since the 1990's.

Ortiz reported the Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider a conditional use permit for a cell tower in a commercially zoned lot behind Main Street Market. The Planning Commission also began the process for the Comprehensive Plan update. The City has received a grant from Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and Hanna:Keelan is the consulting firm. There was some talk about generating much more public interest and support and inviting people to be part of the meetings. The Planning Commissioners felt it might be more beneficial to promote the Planning

Commission and invite people to attend the meetings. Ortiz commented on exploring ways to get people involved.

Ameritas Investment Corp will attend the Board of Public Works meeting next month to discuss bonding. The City may include replacement of some old dumpsters and it might be beneficial to include the purchase of new dumpsters, which will be approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000 added onto the bond. Ortiz said there is a need for about 120 3-yard dumpsters. Ortiz spoke about the maintenance of the dumpsters and the need to replace a good number of dumpsters across the City.

Ortiz said it is planned to hold the Park and Recreation Executive Committee meeting on February 19, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

The next City Council meeting will be on February 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Schnell moved and Warner seconded to adjourn at 7:17 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 Prunty, Mayor

Rosemarie D. Russell, City Clerk

City of Kimball-City Council Meeting-General Claims-January 20, 2015-C. W. Golf Management, LLC-Management Fee-4,735.00; A & L Sales and Service-Repairs-133.89; B & C Steel Corporation-Return-4,901.70; Baker & Taylor Books-Book Purchase-858.43; Sheryl Biesecker-Contract Cleaning-330.00; Center Point Large Print-Book Purchase-314.24; CenturyLink-Telephone-132.47; CenturyLink-Telephone-88.45; CenturyLink-Telephone-517.66; Charter Communications- Internet Services-222.88; Combined Utilities-Transfer-22.50; Connecting Point-CPC Contract-99.26; Demco-Supplies-134.92; Dollar General Corporation-Supplies-18.51; Frenchman Valley Coop-Fuel-1,289.95; Gale/Cengage Learning-Book Purchase-325.16; Galls/Quartermaster-Parts-55.32; High West Energy-Utilities-1,054.00; Hometown Hardware- Supplies-429.76; Ideal Linen Supply, Inc.-Supplies-80.42; Intralinks, Inc.-Computer Support-142.50; Kimball Auto Parts-Parts-102.99; Kimball County Register of Deeds-Recording-16.00; MicroMarketing, LLC-Book Purchase-982.71; Midwest Radar & Equipment-Maintenance-240.00; Mobius Communications Company-Alarm Monitoring-48.00; Napa Auto Parts- Parts-19.99; Off Broadway Business Products-Supplies-298.24; Panhandle Coop-Oil-735.26; Panhandle Coop Association-Supplies-508.77; Quality Books Inc.-Book Purchase-125.54; Recorded Books, Inc-Book Purchase-360.03; Robinson Electric-Payment-1,000.00; Sandberg Implement Inc.-Parts-252.90; Shopko Stores Operating Co.-Supplies-81.28; Simmons Olsen Law Firm, P.C.-Professional Services-2,501.00; Simmons Olsen Law Firm, P.C.-Professional

Services-175.00; Visa-Firstier Bank-Charges-1,689.27; Voyager Fleet Systems-Fuel-61.64; Lloyd Warner-Book Purchase -99.00; Xerox Corporation-Copier Lease-113.63.

City of Kimball-Economic Development Claims-January 20, 2015-CenturyLink-Telephone-60.91; Charter Communcations-Internet Service-39.75; NEDA-Dues-100.00; Nebraska.Gov-Subscription-50.00; Simmons Olsen Law Firms, P.C.-Professional Services-495.00.