

Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
December 1, 2015

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on December 1, 2015 in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Prunty and Council members Warner, Shields, and Morrison were present. Council Member Schnell was absent. Also present were Deputy City Attorney Hoelsing, 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.

Sixth graders McKenzie Deboodt and Maddison Merryfield lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prunty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Warner moved and Shields seconded to excuse Council member Schnell's absence from this meeting. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Schnell. Motion carried.

Prunty acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Prunty opened discussion on the updated Western Nebraska Economic Development Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Ortiz commented on the original agreement and indicated that there has been more activity with the WNED group and more cities that wanted to be included. Overall the group has had a lot of positive feedback and Ortiz commented on the group trying to establish its identity, its rules and functions and their reach.

There being no further discussion, Morrison moved and Shields seconded to approve the updated Western Nebraska Economic Development Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Schnell. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on participating in a Multi-County Regional Housing Study with Strategies for Affordable Housing. Ortiz said one of the things that came about from the WNED group is that smaller communities are dealing with housing issues, both with recruiting developers and dealing with dilapidated housing. Therefore, WNED is

contracting with Hanna:Keelan to conduct a housing study and submitted an application to Nebraska Investment Finance Authority for a housing study grant. It is expected that the new Regional Housing Study will complement existing comprehensive and redevelopment plans and will serve as a catalyst for many new housing activities, including housing for both elderly households and families.

Ortiz indicated Kimball is currently in the midst of completing the Comprehensive Plan as well as a housing study and has worked with Hanna:Keelan on this project. The WNED group discussed and decided to spread the costs of the regional housing study among the members on a per capita basis in addition to applying for the NIFA grant which will cover the bulk of the cost.

Ortiz said that on a basic level, approximately 70 to 75% of the items are roughly the same as what the consultants have gone through with the Kimball study.

As there were questions pertaining to the study and Kimball's involvement, Warner moved and Shields seconded to table the action on participating in a Multi-County Regional Housing Study with Strategies for Affordable Housing until further information is received and to see whether Kimball can participate in just a portion of this. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Schnell. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on his appointment of Rosie Russell as City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer. There being no discussion, Shields moved and Morrison seconded to approve the Mayor's appointment of Rosie Russell as City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Schnell. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the City Clerk contract. Ortiz indicated the language is the same as was approved in May 2013 except requiring a completion of a medical physical as that is not required of employees. There being no further discussion, Warner moved and Shields seconded to approve the City Clerk contract. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Schnell. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on his appointments for positions, boards and committees, newspapers, radio stations and banks. Sonny Porter has agreed to serve on the Board of Public Works and the other individuals have agreed to serve another term. Shields moved and Warner seconded to approve the Mayor's appointments for positions, boards and committees, newspapers, radio stations and banks. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Schnell. Motion carried.

Council President Morrison provided an update on PADD. Jeff Kelly has been named the new director of PADD. The main order of business at the last PADD meeting had to do with the loan program through the USDA. They are encouraging people to request loans. Hoelsing indicated that these are small business loans that are capped at \$150,000.

Prunty opened discussion on the Keno grant application from Shop with a Cop. Chief Huff indicated this is the fifth year for Shop with a Cop and they are requesting the same amount as last year, \$4,500. They are not just taking the kids shopping, they are also preparing food baskets and gift cards for families. Last year they had 50 children, which also included children from Dix. Shopko gives a discount when they purchase gift cards. The children show up at the Fire Hall and the Fire Department prepares breakfast for the children. Then the kids visit with Santa and Giga-Byte and then they go to Shopko in the emergency vehicles with the lights flashing and the sirens blaring. The kids shop for about two hours and then go back to the Fire Hall where the women's auxiliary provides wrapping paper for the gifts.

Morrison commented on providing the food baskets and indicated that the Rotary Club also provides this service. Huff said that it was started last year and it was to provide families with a holiday meal. Morrison said this is being duplicated since the Rotary Club provides this and recommended rather than doing the meal, to give more kids a chance to participate in the shopping. Huff said the schools are the ones that choose the children to participate.

Prunty said it is a great program. Huff said Shop with a Cop will be on Saturday, December 12th. He gave a "hats off" to the Fire Department because they are there before everyone preparing the breakfast. Shields also said it is a great program and thanked Huff for getting behind this.

There being no further discussion, Shields moved and Warner seconded to approve the Keno grant application for Shop with a Cop for \$4,500. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Schnell. Motion carried.

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

1. Minutes from the November 17, 2015 regular city council meeting; and
2. Claims.

Morrison moved and Warner 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, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Schnell. Motion carried.

Ortiz reported on the Event Center renovation. He met with the contractor and they are going to have to flush out legalities on awarding the bid. Overall, they are hoping to keep the design the same as it was originally outlined. However, the Sage Room will not be part of the renovation as it is one of the least used rooms. Ortiz hopes to have something to vote on at the next meeting.

Prunty reported on the group trying to get the Goodhand Theater open again. The group will meet on December 3, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

The next City Council meeting will be on December 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Warner moved and Shields seconded to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Shields, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Schnell. Motion carried.

Keith Prunty, Mayor

Rosemarie Russell, City Clerk

City of Kimball-City Council-General Claims-December 1, 2015 Consolidated Management Company-Services-32.75; Kimball Event Center-Rent-500.00; Amazon/GECRB-Services-675.05; Alisa Danae Photography-Services-50.00; Carol's Nut List, Inc.-Shipping-15.03; Center Point-Large Print-Book Purchase-170.16; Combined Utilities-Utilities-2,802.94; Consolidated Management Company-Services-88.75; EBSCO Subscription Services-Services-853.93; Enviro Service Inc.-Testing-18.00; Frenchman Valley Coop-Fuel-2,041.76; Hometown Hardware-Supplies-12.99; Ideal Linen Supply-Supplies-23.82; John E. Reid and Associates Inc.-Services-420.00; Kimball County Clerk-Services-10.00; Kimball Auto Parts-Parts-20.46; Kimball Bakery-Services-21.60; Kimball Event Center-Rent-500.00; Kimball Health Services-Services 44.10; Kimball Service Center-Services-384.00; L.W. Cartage Co-Rent-100.00; Miller Office Supply-Supplies-40.56; NMC Exchange LLC-Services-652.58; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center-Training-200.00; Presto-X-Monthly Contract-83.87; Janet Sears-Reimbursement-300.84; SourceGas, LLC-Service-669.09; Autumn Uglow-Contract Cleaning-75.00; WPCI-Services-75.00.

City of Kimball-Economic Development Claims-December 1, 2015-Chamber of Commerce-Grant-450.00; Kimball County Treasurer-Services-1,000.00.