

Kimball City Council
Joint meeting with Kimball County Commissioners
October 18, 2016

A joint meeting of the Mayor and City Council and Kimball County Commissioners was convened in open and public session immediately following the Kimball City/County Park & Recreation Executive Board meeting on October 18, 2016 at the City Council Chambers. Mayor Prunty called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. Mayor Prunty and Council members Warner, Schnell, and Morrison were present. Council member Shields was absent. Also present were City Administrator Ortiz, Acting Police Chief Bremer, City Clerk Russell, and City Treasurer Sisk. 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.

Also present were County Commissioners Tim Nolting, Daria Anderson-Faden and Larry Engstrom, County Attorney Dave Wilson, and County Clerk Cathy Sibal.

Prunty acknowledged the open meetings act poster.

Prunty opened discussion of shared resources between the City and the County. He would like to have a memorandum of understanding between the Sheriff's Department and the Kimball Police Department with regard to covering on-call. The Police Department and Sheriff's Office are helping each other out where they can.

Bremer said his opinion is that the Police Department and the Sheriff's Department should have been doing this all along and it will help everyone to work together. Wilson said this could provide continuous coverage throughout Kimball County. Engstrom said it makes sense and commented on working together and see what works and what doesn't work.

Warner commented that research indicates other towns Kimball's size have smaller miles to cover than Kimball. Our law enforcement does cover quite a bit more territory.

Sheriff Gillway arrived at 5:12 p.m. He agrees with working together to cover on-call situations. He indicated he has seen positive changes within the department and he and Bremer have talked about the coverage. In the short term, this would allow his deputies to work for the Police Department when they are off duty and then down the road, they could possibly share some services. Gillway commented on doing this one other time but nothing was ever formalized. This is one step forward to helping break some barriers and develop more of a working relationship.

Gillway commented on integrated response and he thinks it will be a good thing. Prunty thanked the sheriff and deputies for assisting during the Farmer's Day celebration.

Anderson-Faden inquired about dispatching and Prunty indicated that the Sheriff's Department has taken over dispatching. Gillway commented that there is a contract for that and there are no additional resources out of the County's pocket for doing this because they were already doing the 911 calls. This has not been a burden.

Discussion was held on letting constituents know that the Police and Sheriff's Departments are working together and Gillway said that a press release could be sent out.

The Sheriff's Department and the Police Department will draft up a memorandum of understanding for approval at a future meeting.

There being no further business, Warner moved and Anderson-Faden seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m. Roll: Aye: Warner, Schnell, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

Rosemarie Russell, City Clerk