

Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
October 18, 2016

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on October 18, 2016 in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Prunty and Council members Warner, Schnell, and Morrison were present. Council member Shields was absent. Also present were City Attorney Hadenfeldt, Acting Police Chief Bremer, City Administrator Ortiz, Special Projects Coordinator Sapp, 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 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Prunty acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Scott Borders, Mike Schmidt and Frank Calise from Black Hills Energy provided an update on the direction of their company. There will be a few changes with the new company. Borders said their space on Chestnut Street has been used for warehouse space. They are going to move out of that facility; however, they will still have local representatives. Borders said Black Hills Energy is not doing anything to change the way they do business, they are just moving out of the facility on Chestnut Street. Black Hills Energy is very committed to the community. Borders informed of the foundation where individuals and businesses can apply for grants. Black Hills Energy recently pledged \$500 to the Fire Department and they will be working with the Historical Society as well.

Prunty opened discussion on the Keno grant application from Shop with a Cop. Shortie Kiefer indicated that this program was started in 2011 by then-Police Chief Mark Simpson. Shop with a Cop is a program in which the Police Department, the Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, Ambulance Crew, Dix First Responders and Nebraska State Patrol come together and share the joy of Christmas with children and families in the community. The primary goal is to provide an exciting Christmas experience to children within Kimball County who are less fortunate and provide them with a one-on-one

experience.

Kiefer said that the children from grades kindergarten through 6th grade are selected in advance by a committee. Heidemann said the program will be held on December 10, 2016 at 7:30 at the Kimball Fire Hall. Children will gather at the Fire Hall where they will have a breakfast donated by the Fire Department. Santa will visit and present them with their \$100 gift card to Shopko.

Since 2011, Shop with a Cop has assisted 300 children and their goal is to help 50 children this year. All of the money they have raised stays in Kimball County. Heidemann indicated they are requesting \$3,000 in Keno funds. Prunty said there is currently only \$5,300 in Keno funds and a number of requests at this meeting.

Discussion was held on the Main Street Market gift card provided to the families to help with the holiday meals and that the Rotary Club gives dinners to families as well. Morrison recommended Kiefer and Heidemann work with the Rotarians to ensure there is no duplication. Kiefer indicated she has spoken with Kathy Porter, Rotary President, and that possibly the Shop with a Cop committee could give the Rotarians the names of the children that they will not be assisting. Further discussion was held on combining the Shop with a Cop funding with the Rotarians.

There being no further discussion, Warner moved and Schnell seconded to approve the Keno grant application from Shop with a Cop in the amount of \$2,500.00. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Schnell, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the Keno grant application from Kimball Concert Association. Susie Abramson said they are requesting \$1,000 this year. They raised the ticket prices up \$5.00 and their concerts are set for next year. Abramson said they have one more year of concerts and that it is nice to have the arts in town.

There being no further discussion, Schnell moved and Morrison to approve the Keno grant application from Kimball Concert Association in the amount of \$800.00. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Schnell, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the Keno grant application from Kimball Fall Festival. Kelleigh Huff indicated this is the third year for the Fall Festival. It is similar to a penny carnival for families and free to the public. It is scheduled for October 29, 2016 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Kimball Event Center. Huff indicated the intent is for a safe place for families with young children to trick or treat. She doesn't have the exact number of people who have attended but estimates they have served over 200 people. Penny Merryfield has cooked for this event every year and does a wonderful job. Huff said they provide the candy and businesses fun the booths. The keno funds will assist with the candy, prizes, advertisement and the food. The Warner family donated desserts last year.

There being no further discussion, Schnell moved and Warner seconded to approve the Keno grant application from Kimball Fall Festival in the amount of \$2,000.00. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Schnell, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

Prunty indicated the Keno grant application from Kimball Federation Wrestling Club has been withdrawn at this time.

Prunty opened discussion on the Keno grant application from Santa's Helpers. Kim Baliman, representing Santa's Helpers, indicated their committee is bringing back some of the traditional Kimball Christmas events. They plan to spread out the events during the entire holiday season and are working with the parade committee. The parade will be held on Saturday evening, November 26th. There will be a craft fair at the Eagles. Santa's Helpers will help with the parade, the flyers, the lights, the Tour of Homes, and will be working with the Library on the December 3rd story time. Baliman indicated there will also be a Father/Daughter dance. The high school art students will be decorating windows downtown.

Baliman said the committee wanted to try to avoid hitting up the businesses for donations and Morrison indicated that most businesses would not mind donating. Baliman indicated that this will be self-sustaining after two years.

Discussion was held on the keno funds available and Prunty indicated that the next disbursement of keno funds will be the first of next month.

There being no further discussion, Warner moved and Schnell seconded to approve the Keno grant application from Santa's Helpers in the amount of \$1,000.00 conditional upon the receipt of Keno funds. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Schnell, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on renewing the agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for an Economic Development grant of \$450.00 a month for promotion and consulting services. The agreement was reviewed by the Economic Development Committee and they recommended approval. This is a continuation of the existing agreement and the funding sources. Josh Enevoldsen, Chamber President, gave a brief history of the Chamber. When he started on the Chamber Board, there was funding available for 60 hours of staffing per week. With the economy and losing members and the WNCC programs, they are down to about 20 hours a week. Enevoldsen said they are thankful for Kim Baliman taking over the Santa's Helpers program.

Enevoldsen indicated the Chamber Board believes they need to focus on the Chamber Bucks and Leadership Programs. The \$450.00 a month will help immensely.

There being no further discussion, Morrison moved and Warner seconded to approve the 2nd Addendum to the agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for an Economic Development grant of \$450.00 a month for promotion and consulting services and

authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Schnell, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the Kimball Main Street Design and Improvement Program Grant application from Hays Roofing and Siding. There being no discussion, Schnell moved and Warner seconded to approve the Main Street Design and Improvement Grant application from Hays Roofing and Siding in the amount of \$1,980.00. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Schnell, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the Kimball Main Street Design and Improvement Program Grant application from Beer and Loathing. There being no discussion, Schnell moved and Morrison seconded to approve the Main Street Design and Improvement Grant application from Beer and Loathing in the amount of \$400.00. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Schnell, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion on the Event Center / Fitness Center. Warner indicated there have recently been positive changes made. Sapp has created a website and a Facebook page. There is a committee working very hard on this and will make sure the commitments made through December are fulfilled.

Shortie Kiefer said that the City acquired the Event Center when she was Kimball Mayor. In September this year, her high school class celebrated their 50th reunion at the Event Center. Kiefer said that the Event Center director worked very hard and helped everyone at this event. Kiefer said the Event Center is something that Kimball definitely needs.

Schnell said that there are 12 individuals on the committee. They have rolled up their sleeves and are giving their input. Warner indicated the committee includes both the Event Center and the Fitness Center.

Prunty provided an update on nuisance and unsafe properties. The property owner of 212 S. Burg Street was physically served and the City has had no communication with them and Prunty indicated the City is looking at abatement. Hadenfeldt indicated the property owner must be given notice of the City's intent and then they can be assessed the abatement costs.

The property owners at 914 W. Hwy 30 and 700 S. Oak Street have begun the cleanup and abatement process. It was indicated that the property at 700 S. Oak Street should still be considered a nuisance.

Prunty said 109 dead tree letters and 35 weed letters were sent out. Schnell commented on the wind the City has had and the advantage of getting the trees removed.

Prunty, Ortiz and Bremer met with Mike Schadegg and he has been doing a very good job in accordance with the agreement.

Prunty opened discussion on the diversion program agreement with Kimball County. Ortiz indicated the City has participated in the diversion program with the County. The County had applied for and received some grant funding last year from the State and this has enabled them to be more proactive. This program does require paperwork from both the City and the County and the agreement formalizes that. Bremer indicated that Stacy Schadegg is the diversion officer. Counselors and pastors are being added to the program.

There being no further discussion, Warner moved and Morrison seconded to approve the diversion agreement with Kimball County. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Schnell, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

Ortiz provided an update on the MEAN wind farm. MEAN is struggling with what to do with the wind farm. The cost is \$2 million to get all of the wind turbines running again. MEAN owns the wind turbines and the energy that is produced by the wind farm travels through the City's system and then gets sold. MEAN is exploring the possibility of selling the wind farm to a third party and it could possibly be sold, transferred or decommissioned as early as December.

Ortiz commented on the wheeling rate and indicated if the wind farm is sold to a third party, it will involve extensive engineering and legal questions. The City needs to be concerned if the same structure will be in place because there are a lot of questions that need to be answered and planning that needs to be done.

Ortiz indicated there was a conference call last week and there was a lack of understanding of how the wind farm connects to the City's system. If the wind farm is expanded, there will be some considerations of being able to be supported on the City's system.

Ortiz advised the City Council not to rush into any agreements, etc., and ensure due diligence is exercised. There are a lot of considerations and technical jargon and he commented on relying on Hinton, Terrill, EEC, and the attorney.

Discussion was held on energy credits. Ortiz suggested having a plan and factor in the loss of the wheeling rate revenue.

Ortiz provided information on the Power Plant. Panhandle Geotechnical has done asbestos testing at the Power Plant and there have been some samples come back as positive as well as friable. Terrill will be contacting a contractor to abate the asbestos. The goal is to get the asbestos abatement done before any significant maintenance is done on the engines.

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

1. Minutes from the September 13, 2016 regular city council meeting;
2. Claims;
3. Financial Statements;
4. Accept resignation letter from Darren Huff, Police Chief; and
5. Ratify the Kimball Volunteer Fire Department members.

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

Ortiz reported that Sisk is finishing up the fire hydrants on First Street and he is getting the GIS information updated. There was a water leak earlier this week and today. The crews found an old irrigation ditch. Winterizations projects are being done throughout Kimball.

Ortiz reported the trommel screen was originally scheduled for October 21st; however, the current company that rented it extended their rental period. Therefore, it will now be rented in April or May.

Prunty presented a plaque to Ortiz thanking him for his service. Prunty reminded everyone about the political forum on October 20, 2016.

The next City Council meeting will be held on November 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Schnell moved and Warner seconded to adjourn at 7:09p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Schnell, Warner, and Morrison. Nay: None. Absent: Shields. Motion carried.

Keith Prunty, Mayor

Rosemarie D. Russell, City Clerk

City of Kimball-City Council Meeting-General Claims-October 18, 2016-Amazon/GECRB-Supplies-13.47; Arrowhead Distributing Inc.-Liquor Purchase-3.40; Dietrich Distributing-Liquor Purchase-138.55; Hays Roofing & Siding-repairs 612.50; High Plains Budweiser-Liquor-202.00; Janet Sears-Reimbursement-32.47; Visa-Firstier Bank-Charges-1932.67; Voyager Fleet Systems-Fuel-133.47; Cash-Extra Cash-Event Center-100.00; NSA & POAN Conference-Registration-125.00; CNA Surety-125.00; Century Link-Telephone-534.81; CenturyLink-Telephone-99.02; CenturyLink-Telephone-84.88; Combined Utilities-Service-3088.64; Dollar General Corporation-Supplies-19.50; EMC National Life Company-Long Term Disability-262.61; FYR-TEK, Inc.-Service/Maintenance-1887.53;Frenchman Valley Coop-Fuel-920.40; Ideal Linen Supply Inc.-

Supplies-126.33; Kimball Plumbing-Service-102.78; Kimball Volunteer Fire Department-Allowance-5500.00; Northwest Pipe Fitting, Inc. of S.B. -Parts-103.47; STP Auto Service-Vehicle Maintenance-373.21; SourceGas, LLC/Black Hills Energy-Service-1810.25; Staples-Supplies-29.88; USA Blue Book-Fire Hydrants-1686.58; Autumn Uglow-Contract Cleaning-75.00; Viaero-Cell Phone-44.20; Windstream-Long Distance-6.11; Combined Utilities-Service-813.74; Connecting Point-Copy Usage-175.32; Dietrich Distributing-Purchases-65.00; Holiday Inn-Lodging-269.85; Kimball Volunteer Fire Department-Postage- 385.92; Nebraska Municipal Power Pool-Software-250.00; Police Officers' Association of Nebraska-Membership-15.00; Prairie Animal Hospital-Pound Fee-150.00; Praise Windows Inc.-Window Washing-50.00; South Dakota Municipal League -Classified Ad-25.00; Star-Herald Newspaper-Advertising-516.77; The League of Kansas Municipalities-Classified Ad- 43.32; The Right Impression-Dog Tags-20.00; Autumn Uglow-Contract Cleaning-75.00; Western Nebraska Observer-Notices-436.97; C. W. Golf Management, LLC-Management Fees-4735.00; GreatAmerica Financial Svcs-Lease-124.12; L.W. Cartage Co.-Lot Rent-100.00; State Treasurer -Dog/Cat Cash Fund-141.87; Amazon/GECRB- Supplies-94.50; Baker & Taylor Books-Book Purchase-515.87; CPS Distributors, Inc.-Supplies-70.03; CenturyLink-Telephone-100.98; CenturyLink-Telephone- 623.20; Charter Communications-Internet-287.60; Combined Utilities-Service-903.09; Combined Utilities-City Utilities-3629.55; Connecting Point-Service Contract-28.98; Contractors Materials, Inc.-Supplies-298.00; DASH Medical-Supplies-60.90; Dollar General Corporation-Supplies-32.15; Enterprise Rac- Car Rental-135.00; Enviro Service Inc.-Water Sample-18.00; Michael Frederick-Book Purchase-44.00; Frenchman Valley Coop-Bulk Fuel-3172.02; High West Energy Service-4412.00; Holiday Inn-Lodging-263.85; Hometown Hardware-Supplies-290.03; Ideal Linen Supply, Inc.-Supplies-81.35; Intralinks, Inc.-Service-200.00; Kimball Auto Parts-Supplies-74.01; Kimball County Register of Deeds - Recording Certificates-30.00; Kimball Service Center-Repairs-193.59; League of NE Municipalities-Annual Conference-1165.00; Miller Office Supply-Supplies-33.99; Mobius Communications Company-Security-48.00; MyShopAngel-Supplies-196.25; NFPA-Fire Prevention Materials-1302.79; Napa Auto Parts-Supplies-517.08; Nebraska Environmental Products-Supplies-32.96; Nebraska Library Commission-Subscription-500.00; Panhandle Coop-Fuel- 82.73; Panhandle Coop Association-Supplies-250.57; Pioneer Research Corporation-Supplies- 370.50; Presto-X- Contract-88.06; R & R Products, Inc-Supplies-124.80; Sherwin-Williams Co.-Supplies-316.50; Simmons Olsen Law Firm, P.C.-Professional Services-3902.50; Simmons Olsen Law Firm, P.C.-Prosecutions-139.50; The Right Impression-Supplies-25.00; Autumn Uglow-Contract Cleaning-75.00; Viaero-Charges-186.18; Vince's Corner-Service-20.50; Visa-Firstier Bank-384.03; WPCI-Screen/Review Data-90.00; Wolfe Sand & Gravel Co.-Services-102.00;

City of Kimball-Economic Development Claims-October 18, 2016-Century Link-Services-63.12; Charter Communications-Internet-42.82; Enterprise Rac-Rental-160.00; Hometown Hardware-Supplies-9.49; Hospitality Marketers International, Inc-Services-3875.00; Intralinks Inc-Service-81.25; League of NE Municipalities-Conference-466.00; Visa-Firstier Bank-Charges-39.99