

Kimball City Council
Special Meeting
August 24, 2017

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 5:01 p.m. on August 24, 2017 in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Prunty and Council members Shields, Schnell, Warner and Baliman were present. Also present were City Administrator Dean, Water Superintendent Sisk, Library Director Sears, Management Assistant Terrill, 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 5:01 p.m. the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Prunty acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

At 5:03 p.m. Prunty opened a public hearing to consider the purchase of one acre of land east of and adjacent to the City of Kimball's South Substation located on County Road 32.

Dean indicated the City has entered into an agreement with Kimball Wind LLC to provide one acre of land adjacent to the City's south substation for their substation. Kimball Wind LLC has agreed to reimburse all of the expenses. Dean indicated the survey will have to go to the Planning Commission and City Council but the purchase of land requires a public hearing. Shields inquired who will pay for the survey and Dean said Kimball Wind will pay for all of the expenses associated with this project. Eric Johnson, Kimball Wind LLC, agreed they will pay the vendors directly

There being no further discussion, Prunty closed the public hearing at 5:05 p.m. Shields moved and Baliman seconded to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 2017-14

WHEREAS, the property owner of the property adjacent to the City of Kimball's South Substation desires to sell the property to the City of Kimball and the City of Kimball desires to purchase the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Kimball:

1. That said City purchase from James R. Warner and Ann K. Warner, for a purchase price of \$300.00, the following described real estate:

Approximately one (1) acre of land east of and adjacent to the City of Kimball's South Substation located on County Rd. 32.

2. That Mayor Keith B. Prunty is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the City of Kimball, Nebraska, any such documents that may be required.

Dated this 24th day of August, 2017.

/s/ Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Rosemarie D. Russell, City Clerk

On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Schnell, Shields, and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion of the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget review. Prunty recommended keeping the mill levy at 0.409511 because evaluations increased. Discussion was held on a police vehicle and Dean said \$15,000 has been budgeted out of the general fund \$25,000 out of Keno. The auditors have said that if it is in the police budget and the \$25,000 will be taken from somewhere it needs to be identified where or take it out of the budget. Dean said there will be approximately \$200,000 of cash carry forward. A couple of options would be to take the \$25,000 out of that, take a loan from public works or not purchase one. Schnell asked if the \$200,000 cash carry forward would be able to cover the other departments if they have a short fall and Dean indicated it would. Schnell asked if the \$25,000 could help one of the other departments purchase a piece of equipment that they need, like the mini excavator for the Water Department. Dean said he hasn't put it in their budgets yet, he would have to talk with them. Schnell said that he sees the need in other departments for vehicles. Schnell stated if the \$25,000 was not going to go to the Police Department for a vehicle, could it be used to purchase other equipment for a public works department. Dean said he did not include the \$25,000 in the public works budgets. Schnell stated that council can include it in the public works budgets without a vote from the Board of Public Works. Dean will look into adding it to the public works budget for the purchase of a mini excavator if council wants to recommend so as a part of this hearing. Baliman commented on the \$200,000 cash carry forward for the mini excavator. Schnell stated that money was for the general side only. Dean will discuss the \$25,000 for the purchase of equipment in the public works with the auditors.

Dean advised the council that the other issue the auditor had was with the Keno funds. Dean used \$250,000 in Keno funds to match the grant for the Event Center renovation

and that is over \$143,000 more than is in Keno. Schnell asked if the money would have to be returned to the state. Dean said if \$250,000 cannot be found to match the grant, then the money will have to be returned.

Dean asked the council to clarify that they wanted him to find \$25,000 in the public works budget for a mini excavator. Prunty asked C. Sisk what the cost for the mini excavator was. Shields asked Sisk if that was indeed the piece of equipment that he needed. Sisk said that was what he felt they needed. Sisk advised he didn't have an exact amount for the excavator and added that the Electric and Street departments also expressed an interest and that the cost could possibly be split among them. Prunty said it would be useful to the Cemetery and the Park and Recreation departments. Sisk indicated his department has been doing some of the digging at the Cemetery and it is not easy to do with the backhoe. Dean said that they could look into the price for an excavator and a backhoe and discuss it at the next meeting, September 12, 2017. Sisk said that they already have a backhoe and it would be better to get a piece of equipment that they don't already have.

Council member Christy Warner arrived at 5:34 p.m. and Dean briefed her on the meeting discussion. Warner had no questions on the budget.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Baliman moved and Schnell seconded to adjourn at 5:37 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Schnell, Shields, Warner, and Baliman. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

Katherine Terrill, Management Assistant