

Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
April 16, 2019

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on April 16, 2019 in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Prunty and Council members Bright, Shields, Warner and Baliman were present. Also present were Water Superintendent Sisk, Electric Superintendent Hinton, City Administrator Dean, and City Clerk Terrill. 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 a.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Bright, Shields and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Prunty acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Shields moved and seconded by Bright to excuse Warner from the meeting. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Bright, Shields and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider action on approving the grant award for the Senior Handyman Project and approving the Mayor's signature. Dean advised Council that Wendy Baker is the director of the project and gave a brief report of the services offered. Baliman moved and seconded by Bright to approve the Handyman Project and approve the Mayor's signature. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Bright, Shields and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: Warner. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to receive a dividend check from EMC insurance. Josh Enevoldsen, Kimball Insurance, presented a check for \$43,681.93 for loss prevention and safety. Enevoldsen advised the Council that this is the third largest check he has presented the City.

Prunty opened discussion to receive the 17-18 FY audit. Michael Hoback, Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C., presented the Council with the 17-18 FY audit. Hoback went through the audit packet highlighting several items.

Council member Warner arrived at 6:26 p.m.

Hoback pointed out that the City has been doing increasingly better financially over the past several years. Prunty and the Council thanked Hoback for his presentation.

Prunty opened discussion to consider action on the Police Department surplus property list. Baliman moved and seconded by Bright to approve the surplus property list for the Police Department. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Bright, Shields, Warner and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider the Business Façade Improvement Grant for Phoenix Conoco. Owner John Morrison advised Council that he had the roof repaired on the building. Shields moved and seconded by Warner to approve the Business Façade Improvement Grant for Phoenix Conoco in the amount of \$2,498.50. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Bright, Shields, Warner and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider changes to the City of Kimball Employee Handbook. Dean advised Council of the changes including changing the probationary period for the police department from six months to one year. Bright asked if changing that to one year would make it harder to hire police officers. Chief Bremer said that it could make it harder and that it was unusual to have that in the City policy and not the police departments policy. Warner asked if officers would still be eligible for an increase after six months. Dean stated they would. Warner moved and seconded by Shields to approve the changes to the City of Kimball Employee Handbook. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Shields, Warner and Baliman. Nay: Bright. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider action on the Agenda Request Item regarding the charge for tree removal from Brent Thornton. Mr. Thornton advised Council that he was approached about the tree. Thornton went on to say that he was contacted by Dean who stated that the City would remove the tree. Thornton stated that the amount charged by the City of \$1,700.00 for the removal. Thornton said that amount was not reasonable and asked Council to lower the amount. After discussion, Dean will need to get more information. Baliman moved and seconded by Bright to table Brent Thornton's request to the May meeting. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Bright, Shields, Warner and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider bids for the swimming pool filtration system. Water Superintendent Sisk advised the Council that the pool struggled with water clarity last season. Sisk went on to say that it is recommended that the system be changed every 3-5 years. Sisk added that Kimball's was last changed 15 years ago. Sisk stated that it was put out for bids but only received one. Sisk said that he spoke to Arnold Pool Company and they would be able to have the work done before the pool opens for the season. Bright asked if the pool would have to be drained if they were not able to get it done in time. Sisk said it would not. Warner moved and seconded by Bright to approve the bid from Arnold Pool Company in the amount of \$7,695.50. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Bright, Shields, Warner and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty opened discussion to consider bids for the asbestos removal from the Longhorn building. Dean advised Council that the only bid the City received was from Great Plains Asbestos in the amount of

\$16,400.00 which was lower than expected. Dean stated that he has also applied for a grant to cover half of the cost of the removal but has not heard anything yet. Warner moved and seconded by Shields to approve the bid from Great Plains Asbestos for \$16,400.00. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Bright, Shields and Warner. Nay: Baliman. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Prunty removed the last agenda item, to consider demolition grant for Randy and Sandy Harmon. Prunty advised Council that there are some additional steps are needed before the grant can be considered. Prunty stated he will have the item on the May agenda.

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

1. Minutes from the February 15, 2019 regular City Council meeting;
2. Claims;
3. Financial Statements;
4. Ratify Kimball Volunteer Fire Department members.

Baliman moved and seconded by Bright to approve the consent agenda items as presented. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Bright, Shields, Warner and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Administrator Report: Dean advised Council that the City received a memo on the underpass stating traffic will rerouted to the bypass for a month beginning mid-May. Dean advised Council that the City hired Regan Hinton as the new Pool Manager.

Mayor's Report: Prunty advised Council that there was a meeting with the owner of Shopko and have several ideas for the building. Prunty said that there will be a meeting for the Tour de Nebraska April 22 at the Visitor's Center

There being no further business, Baliman moved and seconded by Bright to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Bright, Shields, Warner and Baliman. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Keith B. Prunty, Mayor

Katherine Terrill, City Clerk