

Kimball City Council
Regular Meeting
April 2, 2013

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on April 2, 2013 at the City Council Chambers. Mayor Schnell and Council members Warner, Morrison, and Christensen were present. One vacancy exists. Also present were City Administrator Ortiz, City Attorney Hadenfeldt, Police Captain Huff, Clerk/Treasurer Russell and Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Strauch. 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.

Schnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Schnell acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Schnell read an Arbor Day Proclamation and proclaimed April 26, 2013 as Arbor Day.

Josh Enevoldsen presented a Workers Comp safety dividend check to the City of Kimball in the amount of \$26,739. He said the city has done a great job with regards to worker safety. Schnell said it is a tribute to the efforts that the employees of Kimball have put into their safety and he thanked the employees of the City of Kimball.

Schnell opened discussion on the School Resource Officer. Huff gave a presentation for the council's further consideration for the School Resource Program. The City of Bridgeportis also in the process of getting a School Resource Officer in their department. NASRO is the entity that regulates the SRO Program. The training is 40 hours to certify an officer as a SRO. The recertification is 24 hours. The initial training is in Longmont, Colorado and the recertification is in Estes Park, Colorado.

Huff said it takes a special type of person to be a SRO. Their duties are teacher, counselor and cop. There is no one standard definition of what a SRO's responsibilities entail. They serve as a source of confidential counseling. A SRO needs to be a seasoned officer who has the mentality of helping children and Huff believes he would not have any difficulty filling the position. The SRO is going to be a sworn officer and will be assigned to the school on a long-term basis. SRO's bring expertise into the schools that are going to help young people make positive choices in their lives. Teachers feel safe to teach and students feel safe to learn. There are more SRO's assigned to high schools than to middle schools and Huff gave a breakdown of duties: 50% law enforcement duties; 30% law related counseling and advising; 30% law related

teaching.

Huff spoke some more about the training and indicated it is structured and it is a national training certificate and he also commented on training as a Capstone interviewer. The SRO is the first line of defense and must act quickly to solve the many problems in and outside of the school. They continually evaluate and refine school security measures and will have a crisis team and practice with the team several times a year. Huff commented on the SRO being the first contact with any active shooters.

Huff expressed his appreciation to council members for their time and said he hopes they take the SRO position under further consideration. Schnell indicated that this is not something that needs to be left hanging. He urged council members to make a decision at this meeting or the next so the Police Department knows where they stand so they can actively recruit. Warner inquired if this was discussed at the School Board meeting and Troy Unzicker, School Superintendent, indicated they were approached several months ago. Chief Simpson was looking into grant funding to assist with funding the position. Some cities have been funded 50/50 and some cities have fully funded the position. Unzicker said the school is not going to completely fund the position. If the City is going to fund it, the school would be in support of it. With 50/50 funding, it would have to go to the School Board. Warner inquired if Unzicker sees the need for a full time person and Unzicker said yes, during the school year. He commented on ball games and after school programs. It is always great to have another caring, respected adult present.

Warner commented on the guidance counselor being trained as a SRO and Unzicker said the SRO just gives another opportunity to reach the children. Kimball is a great community. Unzicker believes the School Board would consider partial funding. The SRO would add another resource and would be great for the schools to have. The schools rely a lot on the Police Department, the Sheriff's Department and the State Patrol to come into the schools and provide training. The more the officers are in their building, the more comfortable the staff and children will be with them. Unzicker said the SRO needs to be someone who can build relationships and be the authority figure. There are approximately 540 children in the school system.

Morrison inquired about costs and Schnell said it would probably take \$43,000 to have another full-time officer. Warner commented on using one of the officers currently in place and Schnell said then the City would not be able to have 24-hour coverage. Christensen said the SRO is the first line of defense in a crisis situation and commented on the drug intervention. Early intervention is the key. Morrison said he can see a lot of positives to this. The school has staff, but they are not trained officers. It is important to try to protect the youth and the only way to do it is to have some contact with them. The City needs to continue to pursue the SRO position and develop a budget for it.

Huff said if the City is going to pursue getting a certified individual, they will have to try to promote that now so they can get a competent individual for the next school year. James Shields, 420 Adams Street, asked about the SRO Program and how the training would affect the school hours (either during school or after school). Unzicker said after-school or they could fit the training in during study hall periods. The SRO will have full days. Schnell commented that work needs to be done on getting grants and develop

the grant program that the other communities have received funding for and make it something that would work within the budget numbers.

Daniel Thompson, Western Nebraska Observer, commented that a part time officer would kind of defeat the purpose of having the SRO being the first line of defense. Warner indicated that it is the same way with two schools and having the SRO for four hours in the morning at one and four hours in the afternoon at the other and maybe a ballgame.

Christensen said this can also be looked at from a proactive standpoint that it is limiting the exposure of time that things could go wrong, prevention of things that could go wrong. Morrison said if the SRO is only going to be part time, that is defeating the purpose. Huff indicated the SRO could also provide morning traffic assistance at the schools. Discussion was held on the hours and flexible hours. Schnell commented that the particulars should be developed once it is decided if this is something the City wants to do. He inquired of council members if this should continue to be pursued. When the budget is developed, the numbers will be available and would be workable to assist in providing service and protection to the schools. Christensen doesn't feel that a decision can be made without budget information and it should also be determined what percentage from the school will be received as well as what grant monies are available. She is supportive of the concept but she needs to see a budget before she can make a decision. Unzicker said the school will need to know what the budget is so they know what will be required to contribute. Huff will get the information. Warner would also like to see a comparison as to how many children a SRO is serving in other communities.

Christensen said if Kimball is not going to have a SRO, the City needs to look at increasing the Police Department so they can adequately protect the students and provide coverage in the community. Figures need to be provided along with a working schedule.

Schnell opened discussion on the Nebraska Local Public Agency Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with the City of Scottsbluff. This agreement is dealing with Kimball's underpass project which has been stalled. The City had to have a Responsible Charge (RC) in place to oversee a federally funded project. Hadenfeldt has drafted an agreement with the City of Scottsbluff and it was approved by them. It is now before the City of Kimball Council for approval. Once the agreement is approved, the engineer and the RC, Mark Bohl, will sit down and start back up on the project. Hadenfeldt indicated the reimbursement is Bohl's average hourly rate and mileage. He said there should be a resolution with the agreement and it will be provided for the next meeting.

There being no further discussion, Morrison moved and Christensen seconded to approve the Nebraska Local Public Agency Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with the City of Scottsbluff. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Morrison, and Christensen. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Schnell commented on the Keno Grant Application from Kimball County Community Emergency Response Team and said the individual who submitted the application is ill.

Schnell opened discussion on declaring Cemetery property as surplus. This is a 1989 Chevrolet that Keep Kimball Beautiful has been using at the Recycle Center. They would like the City to either sell it to them or make it available to them. It is not a vehicle that is needed by any other department in the City. The value is about \$500 to \$700 and Spud Rowley indicated it has 94,000 miles on it. Schnell commented on donating the vehicle to the Recycle Center to use for picking up the cardboard and other recyclables.

There being no further discussion, Christensen moved and Morrison seconded to declare the Cemetery property (1989 Chevrolet pickup) as surplus. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Morrison, and Christensen. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Morrison moved and Warner seconded to donate the 1989 Chevrolet pickup to the Recycle Center. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Warner, Morrison, and Christensen. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Larissa Binod, Keep Kimball Beautiful, said the Kimball Spring Clean Up will be April 13, 2013. There will be another community clean up event for Oliver Reservoir. The paint collection will be May 4th.

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

1. Minutes from the March 19, 2013 meeting;
2. Claims; and
3. Ratify the Kimball Volunteer Fire Department members.

Morrison moved and Christensen seconded to approve the consent agenda items as presented. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded. Aye: Warner, Morrison, and Christensen. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The next regular City Council meeting is April 16, 2013. The Strategic Planning sessions will be held on April 19 and 20, 2013.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Christensen moved and Warner seconded to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded. Aye: Warner, Morrison, and Christensen. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

James Schnell, Mayor

Rosemarie Russell, Clerk/Treasurer

City of Kimball-City Council-General Claims-April 2, 2013-Dietrich Distributing-Liquor Purchase-1,011.00; BARCO Municipal Products, Inc.-Signs-114.44; Bluffs Sanitary Supply, Inc.-Supplies-302.90; CenturyLink-Telephone-76.70; Combined Utilities-Utilities-3,233.89; Community Internet Systems, Inc.-Monthly Internet Service-15.00; Connecting Point- Copy Usage-164.89; Consolidated Management Company-Meals-

79.25; The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel-Lodging-714.00; DP Electronic LLC/Radio Shack-Supplies-1,270.00; Danko Emergency Equipment-Supplies-1,468.20; Dollar General Corporation-Supplies-35.95; Emblem Enterprises, Inc.-Patches-283.00; Enterprise Rac of Mt/Wy-Car Rental-160.00; Galls, LLC-Uniforms-156.94; Hometown Hardware-Supplies-10.99; Ideal Linen Supply, Inc.-Supplies-76.47; Kimball Auto Parts-Parts-14.51; Kimball Event Center-Rent-500.00; Kimball Laundry-Cleaning Services-5.85; Kimball Service Center- Tire Repair-18.00; L.W. Cartage Co.-Lot Rent-100.00; Nina LaBate-Contract Cleaning-120.00; Law Enforcement Systems, Inc.-Supplies-517.00; Max's Vacuum & Sewing Center-Repairs-74.75; Mike's Heating-Maintenance-275.00; Napa Auto Parts-Parts-465.39; New World Inn-Lodging-260.00; Pat O'Brien-Refund-175.00; Off Broadway Business Products-Office Supplies-15.78; Points West Insurance-Premium-6,264.00; Prestige MFG.-Welding-18.75; Sheri Roberds-Handyman Project-588.00; SourceGas, LLC-Gas Service-418.47; Southern Uniform & Equipment-Uniforms-73.73; Spectra Associates, Inc.-Supplies-182.20; Staples-Supplies-53.95; Star-Herald Newspaper-Advertising-1,270.00; Sysco Denver, Inc.-Supplies-2,004.58; The United States Life Insurance Company-Long Term Disability-459.53; Viaero-Cell Phone Charges-63.45; Windstream-Long Distance-5.84; Chad Wise-Golf Pro Compensation-2,835.00; Chad Wise-Credit Cards Due-1,260.10. City of Kimball-Economic Development Claims-April 2, 2013-Kimball County Treasurer-Funds 990/995-1,000.00; Off Broadway Business Products-Supplies-24.99; Rosie Russell-Expense Report-48.66; Star-Herald Newspaper-Advertising-500.00; The United States Life Insurance Company-Long Term Disability-34.70.