

Kimball City Council February 17, 2009 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Tammy Konz at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Roll call: Mayor Tammy Konz, Council members, Joe Krippner, Eric Loewen, DuWayne Orbeck and Chris Jansky.

Others present: Mike Subulla, Carla Asfeld, Doug Host, Chad Johnson, Jean Matua and Tammy Weege.

Joe Krippner made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 2, 2009 Council meeting, seconded by DuWayne Orbeck, motion carried.

Chris Jansky made a motion to pay the claims, seconded by Joe Krippner, motion carried

Chris Jansky made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items, seconded by DuWayne Orbeck, motion carried

- Order past due utility accounts shut off
- Approve Gambling Permit for Ducks Unlimited Maine Prairie Chapter to hold a raffle April 17th at Generations Ballroom

Mike Subulla with the Stearns County Assessor's Office gave us an update on sales in the City. There were 6 sales in the City of residential properties. The county is looking at reducing pricing on average of 4%. Older homes will be approximately 5 % and newer homes 3%. The value of the empty lots has been lowered by approximately 10%. Development has been lowered by 18%. There are 30 parcels that are zoned agricultural, green acres went up by about 30%. Commercial properties are going up approximately 2-3% (this is county wide). County wide is down about 21% in sales. A printout of the information Mike reported to the Council was requested, Mike Subulla will email this information to the City Office. Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is set for April 7 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Doug Host with LarsonAllen LLP submitted a proposal for Auditing Services to the City. He requested to attend the Council meeting to answer any questions the Council may have for him. He spoke about the services provided by LarsonAllen.

Carla Asfeld with the Kimball Public Library attended the Council Meeting to express concern regarding the renovation plans in the Library. Carla said she will not be available the month of April and she wanted to make sure we were on track with finishing (or being close to finished) by the end of March.

There was a discussion about the shelf space and what shelves would need to be moved to make room for the radiators. Councilmember Eric Loewen recommended that the City, Historical Society and Library sit down and get a plan in place for the next steps in the renovation. The meeting will take place the week of February 23rd.

Chad Johnson with Public Works reported on the following

- He finished his SIMS report and it's been mailed
- Chad contacted Wes about cleaning the sewers. He said it should be the same price as last year
- He said he would like to go attend Wastewater Training for Spray Irrigation May 19 in Rochester
- He would like to attend the Water and Wastewater Annual Technical Conference in St. Cloud March 3-5
 - Joe Krippner made a motion for Chad to attend, seconded by Eric Loewen, motion carried
- Chad inquired if there were any plans for the Park this summer (i.e. clean-up days)
 - It was suggested we should put together a Park Committee. We could meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- Chad asked the Council for an estimated amount as to what he can look at for trucks for the Public Works Department. He would like to get a ³/₄ or 1 ton pickup
 - He was given direction to get 4 or 5 quotes and report back to the Council
- He discussed chip sealing some streets
- He discussed storm drainage on 2 streets

The water tower contract with Verizon Wireless was discussed. Mayor Konz had a conversation with City Attorney Rhonda Pagel regarding the amount the City is receiving for rent from the phone company. Surrounding areas were checked as to what amount they are getting each month. The discussion was had to amend our current contract with Verizon Wireless and look into raising the rent for the antennas on the water tower.

Eric Loewen made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. to Arnold Companies to view the building, seconded by Joe Krippner, motion carried.

Eric Loewen made a motion to reconvene at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Joe Krippner, motion carried.

The employee handbook was discussed. Tammy Konz said it has been given to the City Attorney for review. Rhonda Pagel has a few revisions and the handbook should be ready by next meeting.

Auditing services were discussed. The Council thought it best to contact references for each Auditor that submitted a proposal. They will have a decision by next Council Meeting.

The Clerk was asked to look into resolutions/options for adopting the Comprehensive Plan. Discussions were had about putting together a planning commission.

A councilmember reported they noticed broken bottles laying on the sidewalks in downtown.

The Council received a fax from Rhonda Pagel regarding a resolution for the City Attorney to arrange a conference with Kuechle Underground.

DuWayne Orbeck made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 p.m., seconded by Eric Loewen, motion carried.