

COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

Meeting called to order by Mayor Tammy Konz at 7:03pm

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Council members present: Tammy Konz, Joe Krippner, Nate Osmundson and Paula Capes; Eric Loewen arrived at 8:31

Others present: Jim Frilstad, Scott Qualle, Jean Matua, Katherine Johnson, John Gohmann, Jim Young, Dave Traurig and Rich Janski

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Nate Osmundson to approve the claims; motion carried  
Councilmember Eric Loewen absent

Motion made by Nate Osmundson and seconded by Paula Capes to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Minutes of the August 2, 2011 Council Vacancy Interviews
2. Minutes of the August 2, 2011 Council Meeting
3. Minutes of the August 16, 2011 Special Council Meeting
4. Minutes of the August 29, 2011 Special Council Meeting
5. Approval of Temporary Liquor License for St. Anne's Church on September 18, 2011
6. Employee Time-off Request
7. Approval of Gambling Permit for Fairhaven Lions at Generations Ballroom on October 15, 2011

motion carried

Councilmember Eric Loewen absent

Tom Marquardt from the Kimball Express Baseball Team was not present.

Katherine Johnson presented information to the Council regarding community cooperatives, solar heating and windmills. She is also going to be speaking with the School Board.

Scott Qualle from MNSPECT discussed the building inspection contract with the Council.

Motion made by Paula Capes and seconded by Nate Osmundson to approve the building inspection contract as presented with the 3-year agreement and 120-day cancellation; motion carried

Councilmember Eric Loewen absent

Police Chief Frilstad gave his monthly report. The old squad car sold on K-Bid for \$1600 (which includes fees that are payable to K-Bid such as reserve and listing fees). The solar powered speed signs that are going to be purchased with the Community Partnership Grant from Centerpoint Energy are approx. \$7000. The Chief is also going to be approaching the Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and Kimball Lions about donating money for the speed signs.

Chief Frilstad has completed Officer Capes' annual performance review. He feels she is going a good job. He is not yet finished with Officer Langness' review.

Fire Chief Gohmann discussed a personnel issue with the Council.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Paula Capes to terminate David Geislinger's employment with the Kimball Fire & Rescue Department; motion carried

The Fire Dept. has received a \$3000 training grant and a grant to purchase a new stair chair. Chief Gohmann discussed the Fire Dept. training site with the Council. It will cover an area of .6 acres. The Fire Dept. is having issues with Watkins Ambulance response times. Chief Gohmann would like the Council to send letter regarding the issue or have a Councilmember attend a Watkins Council Meeting.

Rich Janski spoke with the Council regarding the Fire Dept. training site in regards to the property that he rents from the City at the same location. He would prefer to see the training site moved to either the SW or NW corner. By having it next to the gate entrance he would have to turn too many corners. Mr. Janski feels that he has put a lot of money into the property that he rents from the City. He stated that five years ago he paid \$3000 to Jerome Kuechle have a rock removed or buried. Councilmember Krippner said that he would speak with the Fire Dept. regarding Mr. Janski's concerns.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Nate Osmundson to adopt Resolution No. 09062011A Resolution Providing Interfund Tax-Increment Project Financing; motion carried  
Councilmember Eric Loewen absent

Motion made by Paula Capes and seconded by Joe Krippner to adopt Resolution No. 09062011B Resolution Providing Authorization to Write-off Uncollectable Water, Sewer and Garbage Utilities; motion carried  
Councilmember Eric Loewen absent

Councilmember Eric Loewen arrived at 8:31pm

The Councilmembers discussed accepting credit card payments and have ACH withdrawal. A survey had been done in April asking if residents would like the option of being able to pay by either of these methods. 25% of residents/businesses responded saying that they would be interested in paying by either ACH withdrawal or credit card, with the majority of respondents wanting the option available online. Those present discussed using PayPal or going through Payment Services Network (PSN). Councilmember Capes asked about the contract terms with PSN. The City Clerk will get that information for the next meeting.

Mayor Konz discussed the Willow Creek Park Shelter and hiring someone to clean the floors, windows, etc. The Council asked what the current process is for cleaning. The day after the shelter is rented out the Public Works Dept. fills out a slip stating if renter cleaned up after themselves or not and if the deposit should be returned. The Council discussed combining the shelter cleaning and City Hall cleaning.

The Council discussed putting an ad in the paper and church bulletins asking for bids to clean City Hall and the shelter starting January 1, 2012.

Motion made by Nate Osmundson and seconded by Paula Capes to close the meeting at 9:03pm to discuss employee evaluations; motion carried

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Joe Krippner to re-open the meeting at 9:38pm; motion carried

Employee reviews will be held on September 8 after the 2012 Utility Project discussions and on September 20 before and at the end of the regularly scheduled meeting. The Council will be discussing items of concern with some of the employees.

Mayor Konz updated Councilmember Loewen about the Fire Dept. training site.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Paula Capes to adjourn at 10:09pm; motion carried

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Pilarski