

Maine Prairie Township/City of Kimball Board Meeting  
Orderly Annexation Discussion  
November 23, 2010

Mayor Konz opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Town Board members present: Supervisors John Wicker, Dennis Loewen, & Ronald Kuechle, Clerk Terre Harff. City of Kimball Board members present: Joe Krippner, DuWayne Orbeck, Eric Loewen and Tammy Konz. Others present: Chuck Froehling and Jean Matua.

Minutes were presented: Orbeck/D. Loewen made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

Elm Street Extension: Wicker explained he did talk with Jodi Tiech, no studies need to be done and there is a slim chance to get the county to build it or make it a county road. E. Loewen asked it to be tabled for further discussion.

Hwy 15 Extension: Orbeck talked about a meeting in Kimball in May concerning the Hwy 15 Corridor. MNDOT was requesting information about trouble areas for safety reasons and they are working with the city more. There will not be any work done in the near future because of the financial budgets, they also spent a lot of money on Hwy 15 to St Cloud these past couple years.

83<sup>rd</sup> Street Repair: Wicker explained the township did have a quote from MidMN, it got too late in the fall and they said they could not do it. The township hired Hard drives to do some work the end of October and 83<sup>rd</sup> was over-looked. It will be looked at this next year. It was suggested that the city and township work together when it comes to getting quotes, to get the lower bids.

Willow Creek Park: D.Loewen explained the weather has caused them to end the work at the park for this year and they will begin in spring. The ice rink is done with fence installed. Recognition should go to Jeff Jacobs for all the volunteer work he has put into the rink.

Orderly Annexation Discussion: The Township presented an orderly annexation draft made up by the township lawyer for the City's review along with a Growth Map. The City had their lawyer review it and presented the township with concerns over issues on the plan. The township board was given time to review the city lawyers evaluation. Wicker asked if the City is willing to work with the Township and if we can discuss the differences. Mayor Konz felt that was the direction they wanted to go.

Discussion about a tier system with areas of interest being in Tier 1 and work their way to Tier 3 yet keep it open for some type of industry if that comes up. It was suggested that the plan get reviewed every 5-10 years. Mayor Konz stated they don't just want to go in and take land as they had done in the past. Annexation of any township land might be years away.

Both entities agreed that they are willing to compromise and want a good working relationship. It was agreed that the next meeting date will be February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall.

AGENDA: Discuss Orderly Annexation with both entities coming forth with what part of the plan is acceptable and what areas need compromising.

Jean Matua felt once the plan is in place, a community member should go out and recruit businesses and sell the town to interested companies.

Christmas Train: Mayor Konz announced the Christmas Train will be stopping this year on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m. The school concert is also the same night, there will be buses hauling people over to the park.

School Levy: Mayor Konz said their board approached the school board asking for their support in using the businesses in town rather than going to the larger stores to get supplies. With this levy passing, towns' people will be strapped with financing.

D. Loewen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Orbeck. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by:  
Terre Harff  
Maine Prairie Clerk