



City of Kimball

February 2013

City Hall will be closed the following dates:

- February 6
- February 18
- March 19 - 22

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

February 5
 March 5
 March 19
 April 2
 May 7
 June 4
 July 2
 July 16
 August 6
 September 3
 September 17
 October 1
 November 5
 November 19
 December 3

DON'T FORGET TO LICENSE YOUR DOG!

Dog owners often don't realize the potential problems and dangers of not licensing their dog. Licensing your dog is not only a City requirement, but it provides safety to your pet and your community. License your dog to avoid citations and to increase your chances of getting your dog back if it is lost. If your dog gets out of their yard or slips out of their collar, they may be in more danger than one might think. They could be hit by a car, picked up by a stranger or impounded at the Animal Shelter. Without a current dog license tag, your chances of getting your dog back drops dramatically. Many people who find a stray dog without a license tag may claim the dog thinking it has no home or owner. If an unlicensed dog is picked up by Animal Control, it is brought to the Animal Control Shelter. A license tag will establish you as the dog owner and provide Animal Control with information that will allow your dog to be returned home quickly and safely.

Dog owners living within the City of Kimball are required to purchase a dog license every year. Failure to license your dog each year may result in a citation. If you own a dog, please follow the instructions below to avoid a citation.

All dogs 6 months of age and older must be licensed annually and shall wear a dog tag. Licenses must be renewed at City Hall by January 1, of each year. Bring or mail the following to City Hall:

- Proof of current rabies vaccination
- \$10.00 Licensing fee (after Feb. 15 the fee is \$30)



Winter Parking Reminder: We would like to remind the City residents of the winter parking ordinances:

Restrictions—515.01: No person shall park a vehicle upon any street in the City between the hours of 10:00 pm – 6:00 am, on any date that falls between Nov. 1 (12:01 am) and April 30th (11:59 pm) the following year.

Towing Vehicles - 515.02: The City of Kimball may, in it's sole discretion, tow any vehicle parked in violation of this section to an impound lot. The cost of the tow and impound fee shall be paid by the owner of the vehicle prior to the vehicle being released from the impound.

Penalty - 515.03: Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor. It should be noted the fine amount for a vehicle parked in violation of this section is \$30.

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Make sure to attend the
Annual Kimball Firemen's Relief Association Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, March 24, 2013
7:30am-12:30pm at the Kimball Fire Hall



Congresswoman Michelle Bachmann recently attended a Chamber of Commerce luncheon in Kimball. Stay tuned for future visits!

Do you ever wonder where all of your tax dollars go? How about all of those fees you pay?

Here at City Hall, we hear those questions a lot. There are many different aspects of government that charge various taxes and fees. For now, let's just focus on what you pay to the City. Obviously, your taxes and fees pay for employee wages and benefits; these wages keep the streets safe and prevent catastrophic fires. They keep the lights on – in the offices, on the streets and even at the hockey rink; they heat City Hall, the Police Dept. and the Fire Hall; they even keep your water running and your toilets flushing.

Our employees play vital roles in keeping the City running – a Police Officer not only makes the roads safer to travel and prevents crime, they catch loose dogs, they respond to accident scenes and calls for help, and they serve and protect the community. A firefighter does not just put out fires, they also respond to accident scenes and calls for help; they help teach fire prevention, they deliver babies and respond during disasters. The Public Works Dept. fills the water tower, flushes water mains, reads and repairs water meters, plows streets, mows parks and maintains lift stations. The City Clerk not only answers the phone; she attends all City Council meeting and records the minutes, sends out utility bills and accepts payment for them, makes sure the City's bills are paid on time, manages elections, does payroll and registers citizens for the Drive SMART Class.

There are many other aspects to running and managing a City. No matter how large or small, we all face the same issues. As a City Council, we take the responsibility that the citizens have entrusted to us very seriously. We review the City's budget throughout the year; not just when setting the annual tax levy. Our top priority is to avoid drastic property tax increases; because just like you, we as residents also pay taxes. The economy faced a significant downturn and we have remained frugal throughout this period of time.

As you may have observed while visiting City Hall, we have been without a Utility Billing Clerk/Zoning Administrator on and off for the past six months. We also recently had a Public Works employee resign. We have made the decision to not fill these vacancies. By not filling these vacancies, you will also notice additional changes. The City will be contracting Water and Wastewater Operator services and City Hall hours will change.

Starting March 1 the new hours for City Hall will be:

Monday:	8:00am – 4:30pm
Tuesday:	8:00am – 6:00pm
Wednesday:	Closed
Thursday:	8:00am – 6:00pm
Friday:	8:00am – 4:30pm