

City of Kimball
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The Kimball City Council met in regular session Monday September 8, 2025 at the city office. Mayor Bill Gough called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Council members present by roll call were Harold Bickner, Angel Stellwag, Dayle Blasius, and Shelly Janish. Council member Matt Bilben arrived later. Also present were Lydia Morley, Jahn Schumacher, Richard Two-Two, Deb Kourt, Kelly Flannery, Deb Gillen, Kendra Hamiel, Skylar Hamiel, and Connie Schuler.

Motion by Janish, second by Blasius to approve the agenda. All aye, motion carries.

Finance Officer Morley administered the oath of office to Bill Gough-Mayor.

Motion by Stellwag, second by Janish to approve the August 18th regular meeting minutes and August 21st special meeting minutes as written. All aye, motion carries.

Motion by Bickner, second by Janish to pay the monthly bills. Roll call vote – Stellwag-aye; Blasius-aye, Janish-aye, Bickner-aye; Vote of 4-0, motion carries.

Payroll: Water/Sewer \$4,456.63; Streets \$4,452.00; Finance \$5,769.61; Police \$4,041.60; Recreation \$1,486.50; Pool \$2,271.25; Library \$3,863.08; Council \$1,500.00.

Northwestern Energy – Utilities - \$4,616.44; Midstate Communications - Utilities - \$476.86; Kimball Clark – Supplies - \$2,435.16; Brooks Hardware – Repairs/Supplies - \$819.20; Drips Post – Rentals - \$150.00; Overweg Repair – Repairs - \$299.10; A-B Rural Water – Source of Supply - \$10,311.25; Central Dakota Times – Publishing/Supplies - \$537.50; SD Supplemental Retirement - Prof. Services - \$500.00; SD Health Lab – Testing - \$20.00; MC&R Pools – Supplies - \$1,453.84; Tri County Landfill – Waste Disposal - \$544.86; Bender Sewer & Drain – Prof. Services - \$660.00; SD State Treasurer – Tax - \$634.07; Dakota Supply Group – Repairs - \$2,522.13; SD One Call – Prof. Services - \$19.95; Verizon Wireless – Utilities - \$159.11; Maule Law Office – Prof Services/Supplies - \$1,177.15; First Bankcard – Supplies/Repairs/Books/ Travel - \$2,948.24; Kaleb’s Service – Repairs - \$37.28; Econo Signs – Supplies/Repairs - \$1,062.28; Michelle’s Market – Supplies - \$49.25; Zach Scott Construction – Repairs - \$2,367.81; Blasius Sanitation – Utilities - \$175.00; Larry’s Automotive Services – Repairs - \$738.00; Justus Baxter – Supplies - \$100.39; Madison Meier – Supplies - \$35.00; Verizon Connect – Utilities - \$40.25; Banner & Associates – Prof. Services - \$15,639.55; CHS – Supplies - \$1,659.60; Hoing Trucking – Hauling - \$300.00; Jill Miller – Repairs - \$70.00; Cadence Konechne – Prof. Services - \$235.00; Easton Nelson – Prof. Services - \$235.00; Jared Bilben – Prof. Services - \$202.42; Elliot Construction – Deposit - \$500.00; SD Water & Wastewater Assn – Training - \$170.00; First Dakota National Bank – Fees - \$136.43; Kimball Chamber of Commerce – Supplies - \$1,000.00; SD Dept of Ag & Natural Resources – Testing - \$120.00; Aflac – Insurance - \$197.30; Wellmark – Insurance -

\$2,595.48; SDRS – Retirement - \$2,871.62; US Treasury – Payroll Tax - \$6,658.11; Beam – Insurance - \$193.79; Health Equity – Payroll Liabilities - \$657.90.

Employee reports were shared by Two-Two and Schumacher.

Finance Officer Morley presented the finance reports and reconciliation for August. Motion by Janish, second by Stellwag to approve the finance reports. Roll call vote – Blasius-aye; Janish-aye; Bickner-aye; Stellwag-aye – Vote of 4-0, motion carries.

A hearing was held for a package off-sale liquor license application submitted by Shannon Capital Inc. Deb Gillen from the audience shared thoughts about the license price and process. Following the hearing, motion by Bickner, second by Janish to approve the following package off-sale liquor license application: Shannon Capital Inc., 801 S Main St, Lot 1, IR Tract 4 and IR Tract 6, NE ¼ of Sec. 10, 103-68. Roll call vote – Janish-aye; Bilben-aye; Bickner-aye; Stellwag-aye; Blasius-aye; Vote of 5-0, motion carries.

Under public input – Connie Schuler addressed the council regarding freezing in her sewer line. The city will look into the situation.

No action was taken on the metal pile.

Kendra Hamiel was present to share quotes for the rodeo club PA system and roping boxes. This will be revisited after the city knows whether the Mitchell Grant was received or not.

Motion by Stellwag, second by Blasius to table Clinic/Veterans Parks. All aye, motion carries.

A special event street closure was requested by Club Vega for a National Guard Appreciation Party on September 20th on 2nd Street between Club Vega and First Dakota Bank from 10 a.m – 10 p.m. Motion by Janish, second by Bilben to approve the application. All aye, motion carries. Under discussion, council decided to update the special event application form to require a representative attend the council meeting in the future.

The council discussed the pool pump and motor and the possibility of keeping a spare of each on hand to try and help with pool down time in the summer. The city will follow up with MC&R Pool when they come to winterize.

A recap of the pool season was shared as part of the finance reports.

The council reviewed quotes from Farmers & Merchants State Bank (8.25%), First National Bank (WS Prime-1), and First Dakota National Bank (WS Prime) for interim financing related to the main street

project. Motion by Bickner, second by Blasius to use First Dakota National Bank for interim financing. Roll call vote – Janish-aye; Bilben-aye; Bickner-aye; Stellwag-nay; Blasius-aye; vote of 4-1, motion carries. Under discussion, council would like to ask First Dakota if they can negotiate the rate or fees lower.

The council discussed questions related to the main street project. It was determined to look into options for the 1st St. inlet area and that the 1st St. steps will be included in the cost of the project.

Motion by Bickner, second by Stellwag to allow trees to be planted between the sidewalk and curb (better known as the boulevard) chosen from the engineer's species recommendation list which will cause less damage to sidewalks and curbs. All aye, motion carries.

Motion by Bickner, second by Stellwag to not include tracer boxes or cleanouts as part of the main street project. All aye, motion carries. Under discussion, council determined that if property owners wish to install either at their cost they are allowed to do so.

Motion by Stellwag to suggest the Oct/Nov timeframe for a bid date, motion dies for lack of second. Council will defer to engineers and see what date works as more details are determined.

Bickner nominated Janish and Stellwag nominated Bilben for City Council President. Motion by Blasius, second by Bickner that nominations cease. All aye, motion carries. Under sealed ballot, Matt Bilben was elected as City Council President.

Stellwag nominated Janish for City Council Vice President. Motion by Blasius, second by Bilben that nominations cease and elect Shelly Janish as council Vice President. All aye, motion carries.

Committee appointments were updated by Mayor Gough: Personnel – Janish & Bilben; Parks/Rec – Janish & Stellwag; Streets – Bickner & Bilben; Building Permits – Bickner & Blasius; Water/Sewer – Bickner & Blasius; Airport/Rubble – Blasius & Stellwag. Other appointments remain unchanged from the June 23rd meeting.

Motion by Janish, second by Stellwag to adopt the following change to Section 604 of the Personnel Policy Manual. All aye, motion carries.

604: CALLBACK PAY/ON CALL PAY: A. Call Back Pay: In an emergency situation when an employee is called back in to work, he/she shall receive a minimum of one hour of work time to be applied to his/her total hours worked for the work week to be paid at the rate of one and one half (150%) of the employee's regular hourly rate. B. On Call Pay: On call pay will be a minimum of one hour per day on weekends for the employee scheduled to be on call to be compensated under normal wage guidelines.

Motion by Janish, second by Stellwag to purchase a push string trimmer/mower for up to \$500. Roll call vote – Bilben-aye; Bickner-aye; Stellwag-aye; Blasius-aye; Janish-aye; vote of 5-0, motion carries.

Council reviewed quotes from American Garage Door (\$5,622.96), Upper Midwest Garage Door (\$4,637.76) and Heath Lumber (\$4,900.00) for a new door on the old shop building. Motion by Blasius, second by Stellwag to keep local with Heath Lumber's quote for \$4,900 for the door and installation if they can complete by Nov. 1st. Roll call vote – Bickner-aye; Stellwag-aye; Blasius-aye; Janish-aye; Bilben-aye; vote of 5-0, motion carries.

Council discussed a water line/curb stop question along Votman St. and determined changes in line location would be at the property owner's expense, but the city would waive the tap-on fee as there is already a line in place.

A discussion was held regarding sewer camera options. The city will look into info on mapping grants and tracer line equipment.

A discussion was held regarding a welcome to Kimball sign with no action taken. Council will look into details.

Motion by Janish, second by Stellwag to approve the first reading of the 2026 Appropriation Ordinance #2025-04. Roll call vote – Bickner-aye; Stellwag-aye; Blasius-aye; Janish-aye; Bilben-aye; Vote of 5-0, motion carries.

The council set the next regular meeting date as September 22nd at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Janish, second by Bilben to go into executive session at 10:30 pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel matters. All aye, motion carries.

Council moved out of executive session at 10:58 p.m.

Motion by Blasius, second by Stellwag to adjourn at 10:58 p.m. All aye, motion carries.

Bill Gough, Mayor

Attest: Finance Officer