

City of Kimberly MINUTES

City Council
MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2023

6:00 pm

242 Hwy 30 E., Kimberly, ID 83341

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CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME – PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES – THANK YOU

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Clerk Carrie Kimball took roll call:

Tomlinson-Yes

Duncan- Yes

Richman- Yes

CEREMONIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS – Rock Creek Fire Protection District. Aaron Zent

Chief Zent invited everyone out to see their new Fire Truck. Mayor, Council, Staff, and citizen's that were present went out to look, and then back inside.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

None

1. CITIZEN ISSUES – PUBLIC INPUT –No person shall be permitted to speak from a location other than the public podium. This section of the agenda is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Council regarding a City-related issue. In order to ensure adequate public notice, Idaho Law provides that any item requiring Council action must be placed on the agenda of an upcoming Council meeting, except for emergency circumstances. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. Persons wishing to speak will have **3**

minutes. Comments regarding performance by city employees are inappropriate at this time and should be directed to the Mayor, either by subsequent appointment or after tonight's meeting if time permitting. Public participation at a Kimberly City Council meeting is limited to participation in the public comment portion of the meeting. The City Council does not take any action or make any decisions during public comment.

Stephanie Snarr residing at 1120 Connor Court Kimberly, ID 83341- "So some of you may know, I have been working on some grants for the School District and also the library. Um, we have had some smaller grants here and there, but we also had a bigger one and that's the one I want to talk to you guys about tonight. I want to publicly thank the city, especially Mayor Davidson and especially Craig for the letters of support to the Idaho Career Ready Students Program Grant. For the current semester that we are in right now, the High School turned away 218 students from the Ag Class. Just do to lack of space. To put that into a little bit of perspective to you, there's just a little over 600 kids at the High School. So, about 1/3 of the Student Body didn't get to take the classes that they wanted to. That has a really big trickle-down effect because they need those classes to build on each other for certifications, for prerequisites for other classes; things like that. This actually effected my oldest daughter a couple of years ago. She ended up having to go all the way out to CSI to take the class she needed in order to get the other Ag class completed. So, it's been an issue for a while. The School District has been trying to find solutions for that. That is where this Grant comes in. So last Wednesday, the Idaho Council met in Boise to rank the grants submitted, including the ICRSP Grant I worked on. KHS was awarded \$1.32 million for the expansion of the Ag Shop and the addition of an Agricultural Structures program. This expansion will double the amount of space in the existing shop, and make available 6 additional classes. We estimate that we will be able to serve 180 more students. The goal from this Grant is to provide hands on education for more students to be career ready, and be available to enter the work-force straight out of High School and be available for positions right here in the Magic Valley. Positions for the School District, the city, and things of that nature. I met with Craig on Thursday to go over the Grant award details, and also discuss some additional funding. We are short about \$200,000.00 in Engineering and Design fees. So, he is helping us with some available options to help bridge that gap. Kind of like what he did for the Senior Center Grant a few years ago.

Duncan- "Yes, he absolutely did".

Stephanie- "So, I wanted to make sure you guys knew about this Grant. It's a pretty exciting thing happening right now. And I want to emphasize, that without your help with those letters of support, it would not have been possible. That was a critical piece to the puzzle for this Grant. So, thank you for your support and everything that you do for the community".

Duncan- "Congratulations, this is fantastic on your part". (Next question not audible over clapping noise)

Stephanie- "The work out south of the High School is actually the Seminary building, and their supposed to be done with that early Fall. Um, what happens next is the School Board has not had a meeting yet since getting this awarded. So, they have to have a meeting and accept all of

everything there officially. Then it will go off to the Engineer. Timeline wise, I guess it will depend on when things come back by. But we are hoping to have additional classes up and running next school year”.

Duncan- “Very nice, that’s just awesome”.

Craig- “What a home-run for the school. Great job”.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS RULES - Items listed as public hearings allow citizen comment on the subject matter before the Council. Residents or visitors wishing to comment upon the item before the Council should follow the procedural steps. In order to testify, individuals must sign up in advance, providing sufficient information to allow the Clerk to properly record their testimony in the official record of the City Council. Hearing procedures call for presentation by the applicant, submission of information from City staff, and is followed by public testimony. The rules for testifying include the following: applicant will have 15 minutes to present their project; testimony by the public will be limited to 3 minutes per person. Testimony at public hearings on applications brought forth from the Planning & Zoning Commission can be used to reaffirm previous testimony.

A. DISCUSSION – ACTION - Public Hearing-

None

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEM- Special Event Application – Kimberly High School District, Homecoming Parade, Friday, 09-22-2023 – approximate time is 12 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. – *Craig Eckles – Darin Gonzales. Council Action required.*

Craig presented Mayor and Council a completed application and applicable documents for the Special Event, Kimberly High School Homecoming Parade. (See attached). Craig stated everything was complete and signed off by Chief Perry, Brian Reed, and himself. Craig noted the Parade route looked to be a much better design this year. Brian will be helping place cones and will also sweep following the parade.

Darin Gonzales thanked the Mayor and Council for always supporting their events.

Mayor Davidson called for a motion:

Councilman Richman motioned to approve the Special Event Application – Kimberly High School District, Homecoming Parade, Friday, 09-22-2023 – approximate time is 12 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Councilman Tomlinson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Tomlinson-Yes
Duncan- Yes
Richman-Yes

B. DISCUSSION- Chobani Discharge Flow Agreement – *Craig Eckles – No Council Action required*

Craig informed Mayor and Council that the Chobani contract is nearing the renewal date this December. He has worked very close with Legal Counsel and if the contract renews it could be on a yearly basis. This will be an agreement between the City of Kimberly, Chobani, and Twin Falls. All 3 parties must agree.

Duncan asked what the likelihood of renewal was.

Craig stated time will tell, again all 3 parties must approve the agreement.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR- Discussion - Action -The consent calendar includes items which require formal Council action, but which are typically routine or not of great controversy. Individual Council members may ask that any specific item be removed from the consent calendar in order that it is discussed in greater detail. Explanatory information is included in the Council agenda packet regarding these items and any contingencies are part of the approval.

A. Approve Minutes for August 22, 2023

B. Accounts Payable for August 23, 2023 – September 12, 2023

General Fund	\$ 76,871.65
Water Fund	\$ 8,470.52
Sewer Fund	\$ 19,344.94
Library	\$ 927.77
TOTAL	\$ 105,614.88

Mayor Davidson called for a motion:

Councilwoman Duncan motioned to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Councilman Tomlinson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Tomlinson-Yes
Duncan- Yes

Richman-Yes

6. ADMINISTRATIVE / STAFF REPORTS -

Chief- Chief noted he will be at CSI on the 19th to speak to the cadets. He will be taking a vacation day to go to Homedale High School on the 25th. He has been poaching around the valley to try and find an officer. Wells is still out on maternity leave. Arrington will be away a few different times coming up to do training. He will also have more training coming up in the future. His team has been busy with major crimes. They sit at 272 cases.

Duncan- asked if there were online trainings for him vs all of the travel.

Chief- said no, it's all in person. He will be going to Las Vegas, and will be share riding with an officer from TFCS. They will split the gas expenses.

Craig- Thanked Mayor, Council and staff that were able to attend the Flag Folding Ceremony. 86 people attended, he provided the dinner and was very pleased at how it turned out. The Flag, Miss Liberty, will be dropped over the canyon on 9/11. He is honored to have this event in our valley. At the Flag Folding Ceremony, the County Commissioner's in attendance made comment that the RCFD DIF are all done except for the County. There seems to be some snags. Mr. Johnson told Craig the County has egg on their face. Council, a big thanks to the Kimberly DIF Committee that approved the Kimberly and RCFPD DIF, that you adopted, you can also see where collecting DIF for the City lowers our levy, where we fund capital purchase items out of the collected DIF fees.

Ryan Manley, the new CSO is doing a fantastic job getting letters out and the town cleaned up. Town is looking great.

The State Controller's office portal is changing to total transparency. All wages and information will be fully accessible. We will definitely be breaking Craigs wage out for the two positions he holds as City Administrator and P&Z Administrator. I feel that certain components put all agencies recruiting to a disadvantage. If the Chief has an officer at \$30.00 per hour, which will be depicted on the new State documents, then when the other agencies pull that up it gives them the opportunity to offer higher to recruit, as you just head the Chief say he was going to recruit from other agencies in a kidding gesture. Council you all have heard in our City County Meetings of recent that jurisdictions are recruiting from each other to try and maintain their department. There are a lot of un-happy cities out there. I will be having Carrie work on a excel spread sheet for the wage portion. Appreciate her greatly.

HWY 30/3400 light is about \$1,987,000.00. Craig is holding his fingers crossed for the application he has submitted. This one is through Urban MPO. He has been working with JUB, SLC team and Tracy at JUB in Twin. Costs have doubled. We do have the support of the property owners over there. We should hear in December where we rank.

Congratulations to Stephanie Snarr on your Grant award. That's a huge plus for the School District.

The Bully-Barn is working on their site plan and Brian stated it looks great up there.

Duncan asked if they would have city services by Fall?

Craig stated they have been working with ITD coming across to First Federal Plaza. They have already bought the Sewer Capacities way in advance.

Duncan asked when he is going to be able to tell everyone who is building there.

Craig stated, soon.

Brian- Updated Mayor and Council that street projects are wrapping up this week with very little painting left to be done. The fire hydrant on willow is installed and back online. Guppy alley project will be getting rid of the by-pass and will be good to go soon. That was a project that was in desperate need of repair. There were 14 stints on that line. Olsen Farms is wrapping up. Sage Meadow has a three-man crew and Brian is overly impressed with their work. Its moving along beautifully. Brian presented the R.V. Dump Summary (*see attached*).

Duncan- commented how beautiful the Olsen Farm perimeter fencing was.

Carrie- Had no official business to discuss. Informed Mayor and Council that her daughter and son-in-law had welcomed a healthy Baby boy, Thomas Jay Lugo, born on Monday September 11, 2023. Mom and baby are home and healthy.

7. COUNCIL COMMENTS –

None

8. MAYOR COMMENTS –

None

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEM-

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor, Burke Davidson

City Clerk, Carrie Kimball