

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
KIMBALL, TENNESSEE  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021**

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A COVID-19 Recorded meeting of the Kimball Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 in the Meeting Room of Town Hall, 675 Main Street, Kimball, Tennessee.

Mayor Pesnell called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attorney Gouger made the statement concerning the COVID-19 meeting that this meeting is being met in accordance with the governor's emergency declaration guidelines due to the COVID-19 pandemic to protect the public. The meeting is being recorded, and the recording will be made available to the public within 48 hours and be kept for one year. The meeting is also being made available on Facebook Live via Marion County News and WEPG The River 104.9.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

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Mayor Pesnell requested Vice Mayor Case to say the invocation over the meeting.

Mayor Pesnell requested Alderman Lofty to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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Mayor Pesnell asked Recorder May to call roll.

Those present were: Mayor Rex Pesnell, Vice Mayor Jerry Don Case, Alderman Teresa Lofty, Alderman Johnny Sisk, Alderman John Matthews, and Attorney William Gouger, Jr. Also present were Carolina Hatfield with Marion County News, Vicki Messer with WEPG The River 104.9, Patrolman Jerry Vanallman, Judge Charles Jenkins, Jr., Citizens Roger Haggard and George Vaughan. These were all present at the beginning of the meeting in the meeting room until Attorney Gouger read the COVID-19 Statement. Upon the statement being read, the room was brought into compliance with some of those present in the meeting room going out into the hallway socially distancing until they were needed during the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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On a motion by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Alderman Sisk** the Minutes of the Public Hearing and the Regular Monthly Board Meeting for December 3, 2020 were approved by roll call vote as follows: Mayor Pesnell yes, Vice Mayor Case yes, Alderman Matthews yes, Alderman Sisk yes and Alderman Lofty yes. All voting items must be done by roll call vote as this meeting is being done through the COVID-19 style of meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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Mayor Pesnell had the following items under old business:

- The town would like to thank Bobbi and Clinton Tate for their leadership as volunteers on the Christmas Float for the Kimball. The town displayed this float in both Jasper's and South Pittsburg's Christmas Parade. Everyone that participated in the parades on behalf of our town are greatly appreciated.
- The town ordered speed bumps for Boyd Avenue as discussed during the December meeting. These have arrived and will be installed soon.
- The town's maintenance supervisor, David Henley, has requested to take the Grade I Wastewater Collection System Operator Exam during 2021. The first test will be May 2021 and another test will be given in November 2021. As a board, I would like you all to determine whether to give 6 months or 1 year allowance to complete this certification.

On a motion by **Vice Mayor Case**, seconded by **Alderman Sisk**, to allow the Maintenance Supervisor, David Henley, to be allowed one year from date 1-7-2021 to complete the Grade I Wastewater Collection System Operator Exam with a passing grade. The extension to one year was taking into consideration the pandemic unknowns.

The motion approved by roll call vote as follows: Mayor Pesnell yes, Vice Mayor Case yes, Alderman Matthews yes, Alderman Sisk yes and Alderman Lofty yes.

## **SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS**

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### **a.) Judge Charles Jenkins, Jr. to Swear in Newly Re-Elected Officials**

**Judge Jenkins, Jr. administers the oath of Mayor to Rex Pesnell**

**Judge Jenkins, Jr. administers the oath of Alderman to Jerry Don Case**

**Judge Jenkins, Jr. administers the oath of Alderman to John Matthews**

### **b.) Renewal of the AirmedCare Membership for the Employees and Firemen in the amount of \$1550**

A motion was made by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Alderman Lofty** to approve the renewal of the AirmedCare Membership for the employees and firemen in the amount of \$1550 for the extended coverage. The motion approved by roll call vote as follows: Mayor Pesnell yes, Vice Mayor Case yes, Alderman Matthews yes, Alderman Sisk yes and Alderman Lofty yes.

### **c.) Create a New Position and Approval of the Job Description for the Wastewater Collection Operator/Maintenance Mechanic with a lateral transfer**

Mayor Pesnell made a recommendation to appoint Mike Nelson to this position as he meets the qualifications by holding a Grade I Wastewater Collection Operator License.

A motion was made by **Vice Mayor Case**, seconded by **Alderman Sisk** to accept the mayor's recommendation and transfer Mike Nelson to the Wastewater Collection Operator/Maintenance Mechanic. The motion approved by roll call vote as follows: Mayor Pesnell yes, Vice Mayor Case yes, Alderman Matthews yes, Alderman Sisk yes and Alderman Lofty yes.

### **d.) Elimination of the Parks and Recreation Director Position in turn Reassigning the employee to the Maintenance Department**

Mayor Pesnell made a recommendation to eliminate the Parks and Recreation position due to lack of activities at the park especially since the pandemic in turn transfer Mr. Billy King back into the Maintenance Department.

A motion was made by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Alderman Lofty** to approve the elimination of the Parks and Recreation Director Position and reassigning Mr. Billy King back to the Maintenance Department. The motion approved by roll call vote as follows: Mayor Pesnell yes, Vice Mayor Case yes, Alderman Matthews yes, Alderman Sisk yes and Alderman Lofty yes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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Alderman Lofty wanted the board to start thinking about the Spring Soccer Program. Taylor Case, Park Board Chairman, is attending a zoom meeting to discuss with the others in the valley on how they plan to handle the upcoming season. Alderman Lofty just wanted the other board members to start thinking about the future of the soccer program as the town has missed out on Spring 2020 and Fall 2020 already. However, safety of the youth amid the Covid-19 pandemic is at the foremost thoughts. However, if other programs are utilizing measures the town may want to follow course with them and do the same, so the youth have something to do.

Mayor Pesnell had items under new business as follows:

- County Mayor Jackson has requested to use the Kimball Park for a Vaccine Site in conjunction with the Marion County Health Department. The site was chosen to utilize the length of the roadway and the loop in order to try and not cause traffic issues. Once the health department receives vaccines and decides to use the facility, the traffic will enter from Lofty Drive onto Bob Lofty Road and then after the vaccine has been given the traffic will exit near the barn onto Industrial Boulevard. All vaccine information can be found on marioncountyttn.net website.
- All Aldermen and Planning Commission Members will need to file their ethics forms before January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- All newly elected officials must complete 12 hours of training in Water and Wastewater Treatment within the first year of election or re-election. And 12 hours of training every three years after that.

- Resolution 2021-01 – A Resolution of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Kimball, Tennessee to adopt a Temporary Leave Policy in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

A motion was made by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Alderman Lofty** to approve Resolution 2021-01 – A Resolution of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Kimball, Tennessee to adopt a Temporary Leave Policy in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The motion approved by roll call vote as follows: Mayor Pesnell yes, Vice Mayor Case yes, Alderman Matthews yes, Alderman Sisk yes and Alderman Lofty yes.

- Town Hall and Maintenance Department will be closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Sanitation will run its normal route on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The Town's Financial Report is as Follows:

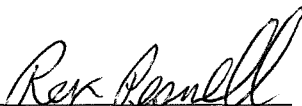
General Fund	\$2,299,674
State Street Aid	\$ 53,357
Drug Fund	\$ 8,297
Sewer Fund	\$ 974,014
Grand Total	\$3,335,342

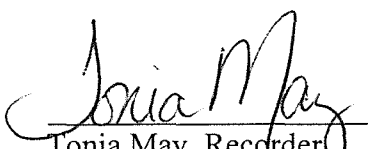
- The next regular scheduled meeting will be February 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Roger Haggard wanted to know if Harbor Freight was coming to town. Mayor Pesnell stated that the State Planner has spoken with representative with Harbor Freight. Mayor Pesnell stated the town would be tickled to have the business in our town.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was nothing further to come before the board, motion was made by **Vice Mayor Case** to adjourn. The motion was seconded by **Alderman Sisk**. The motion approved by roll call vote as follows: Mayor Pesnell yes, Vice Mayor Case yes, Alderman Matthews yes, Alderman Sisk yes and Alderman Lofty yes.

  
Rex Pesnell, Mayor

  
Tonia May, Recorder