
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
KIMBALL, TENNESSEE
THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Kimball Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Thursday, July 1, 2021 in the Meeting Room of Town Hall, 675 Main Street, Kimball, Tennessee.
Mayor Pesnell called the regular meeting to order after the public hearing which began at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Alderman Lofty** the Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Board Meeting for June 3, 2021 were approved unanimously on a board vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Pesnell had the following under old business:

- The town has received a letter from the Director of Local Government Finance acknowledging the receipt of the town's budget for 2021-2022. This letter also stated that the town's budget was approved as previously adopted.
- The town has purchased a hopper and arm from the Town of Jasper for \$5,000 as a backup for the Sanitation Truck. These items are being stored at the Maintenance Storage site on Kimball Cove Road.
- The town has received a refund check in the amount of \$6,443 and letter from Public Entity Insurance explaining that the refund was due after the Worker's Compensation Audit.
- The town has also paid Carolina Pumpworks for the new sewer pump for the Main Lift Station. The town paid \$923.34 after the company honored the 5-year warranty on the pump. The town paid for the shipping to return the bad pump and shipping of a new pump along with additional coating. The maintenance sewer-mechanic employee worked with Carolina Pumpworks to get the pump warrantied.
- There was a mayors' meeting at the end of June held at the Western Sizzling. The primary focus of the meeting was concerning the American Rescue Plan Funding. Beth Jones and others with the Southeast Tennessee Development District were at the meeting to give up to date information about what the funds can and cannot be used for. This informative meeting also let the towns and cities know that Southeast Tennessee Development District can help with the reporting concerning the funds. These funds are still pending for the towns and cities in Marion County, Tennessee.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

a.) Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 272 – An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 253 to Replace the 2012 Editions of the International Building Codes with the 2018 Editions of Same, with the exceptions as Herein Noted

A motion was made by **Alderman Lofty**, seconded by **Alderman Sisk** to approve on Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 272 – An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 253 to Replace the 2012 Editions of the International Building Codes with the 2018 Editions of Same, with the Exceptions Herein Noted. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

b.) Consider Request of land purchase offers from Mr. Jim Lofty

It was noted that Mr. Jim Lofty had made an offer to purchase land from the town at the left as you enter the park property from Bob Lofty Road and land near the river up to the existing ball complex parking lot. There was no motion on this issue.

c.) Discuss the Kimball Cove Bridge Repairs

Mayor Pesnell stated that the Kimball Cove Bridge is in need of repairs. This bridge is located within the town's city limits. After assessing the damage, he contacted the Marion County Highway Department and Jennifer Innes with TDEC concerning the requirements necessary to make repairs to the existing bridge on Kimball Cove Road and the proposal to add an additional temporary bridge within the same area. Mr. Hawk, Marion County Road Commissioner, has two options for repairs. The first option will cost approximately \$20,000 with this tearing out the existing bridge and building another one just like the previous one and the price will include the temporary bridge. Another option would cost approximately \$40,000 which would include a box culvert type of repair and the temporary bridge. The mayor asked the town engineer Matthew Tucker to come onsite to review the bridge and give his best thoughts on the direction to make the repairs. Mr. Tucker stated the decking on the bridge is in need of repairs. He stated either option would be fine however, the box culvert could funnel the water more and make the flow during a heavy rain go in a different direction than presently flowing. If the town stays with the same bridge type, then there should be no change of the flow of the water. The box culvert would need a large rock removed and the type of bridge would take longer to build. Vice Mayor Case requested if there was a way to eliminate the curve and put the bridge in for easier access by emergency vehicles. This would take a longer time to design and at this time, the town is looking for a fix that will serve the residents. The change of the road and bridge area would require purchasing property from existing landowners. Alderman Sisk also requested to have safety railings installed on the bridge. After much discussion, the board came to a resolution to the problem.

A motion was made by **Alderman Lofty**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Case** to approve the Marion County Highway Department to make repairs to the existing bridge as well as create a temporary bridge for those above the bridge to use to enter and exit their properties for approximately \$20,000. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote. It was noted that the town would need temporary construction easements from the landowners affected by this project which the town attorney will prepare.

d.) Approve the Certified Property Tax Rate from the State of Tennessee in the amount of \$0.0853

A motion was made by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Alderman Lofty** to approve the Certified Property Tax Rate from the State of Tennessee in the amount of \$0.0853. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

e.) Approve the Mayor to sign a Contract Between Southeast Tennessee Development District and the Town of Kimball providing for Local Planning Advisory Services for FY 2022 and FY 2023 for an annual rate of \$8,750

A motion was made by **Vice Mayor Case**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** to approve the mayor to sign a contract between Southeast Tennessee Development District and the Town of Kimball in which they will be providing Local Planning Advisory Services for FY 2022 and FY 2023 for an annual rate of \$8,750. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

f.) Approve the VFIS/The Steve Frost Agency Bill in the amount of \$4,039 for the Kimball Fire and Rescue Department Accident and Sickness Coverage Effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

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g.) Approve the Annual Local Government Corporation Hardware, Website and Software Maintenance Support for the Town of Kimball in the amount of \$27,945

A motion was made by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Alderman Lofty** to approve the Annual Local Government Corporation Hardware, Website and Software Maintenance Support for the Town of Kimball in the amount of \$27,945. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

h.) Review the Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental Renewal for the Employees and their families (rates did not change from the previous year)

A motion was made by **Alderman Sisk**, seconded by **Alderman Lofty** to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental Insurance at the rates in the policy. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

i) Review the State of Tennessee Health Insurance 2022 Average Premium Increase for Local Government Employees and Family Coverage with a 4.4% Increase

A motion was made by **Vice Mayor Case**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** to approve the State of Tennessee Health Insurance 2022 Average Premium Increase for Local Government Employees and Family Coverage with a 4.4% increase. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

j) Ratify the bill from Sequatchie Cabinet Shop to change out three Welcome to Kimball Signs with new ones in the amount of \$4,800

A motion was made by **Alderman Sisk**, seconded by **Alderman Lofty** to ratify the bill from Sequatchie Cabinet Shop to change out three Welcome to Kimball Signs in the amount of \$4,800. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

Some of the aldermen stated that the new signs were nice, and they have had compliments from the public as well.

k) Discuss removing Personal Property Tax over 10 years old from the Town of Kimball's books as they are being deemed uncollectable

Attorney Gouger made the comment that only Judges or Governing Boards may make this approval according to TCA Laws.

A motion was made by **Vice Mayor Case**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** to approve the Assessor of Property to Remove the Personal Property Tax over 10 years old from the Town of Kimball's Property Tax books. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

l) Discuss bidding out the 30x30x14 Pole Barn and 18x40 Open Lean-to to existing building on Kimball Cove Road at the Kimball Maintenance Area

A motion was made by **Vice Mayor Case**, seconded by **Alderman Sisk** to accept bids for the 30x30x14 Pole Barn and 18x40 Open Lean-To to existing building on Kimball Cove Road at the Kimball Maintenance Area with bids opened at the next regular board meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

Mayor Pesnell stated that he had contacted some of our previous pole barn/pavilion builders for a quote and some are no longer doing work in our area. Others stated that the materials would be about 7-10 months out.

m) Maintenance Report

Alderman Matthews stated nothing new to report.

n.) Fire Report

Alderman Sisk gave the fire report for June 2021; the department responded to two calls during the month which were one (1) rescue and one (1) signal nine.

o.) Parks and Recreation Report

Alderman Lofty stated the Park and Recreation Board meeting for June was cancelled. It was requested to continue to promote the Creative Skills Camp which is scheduled to host a soccer camp at the Kimball Soccer Fields. The dates are July 26-July 30, 2021 with a cost of \$125 per players. The camp is designed for those ages 6-18 years old. The next meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

p.) Police Report

Vice Mayor Case gave an update on the Police Department as follows:

Litigation Tax and Training Fees	\$147.50
Court Costs	\$602.50
Fines	\$435.00
Report Fee	\$30.00
Sessions Court	\$2,232.50
Total	\$3,447.50

Vice Mayor Case stated that since this was the first day of the month the number of call reports have not been generated yet.

q.) Planning Commission Report

Vice Mayor Case stated the Kimball Planning Commission meeting for June 2021 was cancelled. The next planning commission meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

r.) Attorney Report

Attorney Gouger stated he had nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pesnell had items under new business as follows:

- The mayor reminded everyone that the Sales Tax Holiday for Clothing, School Supplies, and Computers will be Friday, July 30, 2021 to Sunday, August 1, 2021 along with the 2021 Sales Tax Holiday for Food, Food Ingredients, and Prepared Food during the week of Friday, July 30, 2021 to Thursday, August 5, 2021.
- Mayor Pesnell also reminded everyone again about the one-year Sales Tax Holiday for Gun Safes and Gun Safety Devices beginning July 1, 2021 ending June 30, 2022.
- Town hall and Maintenance will be closed Monday, July 5th in observation of the 4th of July holiday. The sanitation route will not run on Monday; however, it will resume its normal route on Tuesday, July 6, 2021
- The Town of Kimball Financial Report is as Follows:


• General Fund	\$ 2,807,617
• State Street Aid	\$ 55,055
• Drug Fund	\$ 10,281
• Sewer Fund	\$ 1,061,608
• Grand Total	\$ 3,934,561
- The next regular scheduled meeting will be August 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Roger Haggard stated that he spoken with the construction manager for the Jasper Highlands. The properties on the Jasper Highlands have lots of homes under construction. He stated that he attended the county commission meeting and is excited for the future of the new subdivision on TVA Road along with its amenities. He believes this will benefit Kimball and all of Marion County. He would like the town to seek additional retail or restaurants for our area.

Recorder May stated that the town has had a good relationship with Darrell Pittman, the Marion County Assessor of Property, to get the town's properties recorded accurately or corrections made.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was nothing further to come before the board, motion was made by **Alderman Sisk** to adjourn. The motion was seconded by **Alderman Lofty**. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.



Rex Pesnell, Mayor



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