

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
KIMBALL, TENNESSEE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023**

A meeting of the Kimball Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Thursday, December 7, 2023, in the Meeting Room of Town Hall, 675 Main Street, Kimball, Tennessee.

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Pesnell requested Alderman Matthews to say the invocation over the meeting.

Mayor Pesnell requested Alderman Sisk 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 John Matthews, Alderman Johnny Sisk, and Attorney William Gouger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Alderman Lofty** the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting for November 2, 2023, were approved unanimously on a board vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Pesnell had the following items under old business:

- Food City has upped their opening date to February 7, 2024. Everyone I speak with is excited about the store's opening.
- The school signs have arrived at town hall. Nabco Electric will be installing these during the month of December.
- Long John Silvers has hired a contractor to rebuild. They are obtaining the proper building permits and should begin work during the month of December. The town looks forward to having this business back.
- The Industrial Boulevard project has been postponed until April 2024. The town was informed that the contract included restrictions which would not allow any paving between the months of November through March. After speaking with both TDOT and Tinsley Asphalt, the Mayor expressed concerns with areas of the roadway. He also pushed to get part of the work completed and for patch paving on the worst areas of Industrial Boulevard. Tinsley Asphalt completed the paving from the bridge to Kimball Lane along with the patches. Both departments blamed the other for the delays.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

- a.) Discuss Sewer Charges at Tractor Supply located at 225 Wilson Carter Drive Kimball, TN.
This location had a water leak that has been repaired and would like to be considered for a sewer adjustment for the overage charged.**

The company requested the refund to be done by check to Tractor Supply instead of a credit on their bill.

After some discussion, a motion was made by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Case** to refund Tractor Supply \$6993.55 for Kimball Sewer charges overage due to a water leak. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

- b.) Approve the Meeting Schedule for 2024**

Mayor Pesnell requested the approval of the Meeting Schedule for 2024 as follows: January 4th, February 1st, March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th, July 11th (2nd Thursday due to Holiday), August 8th (2nd Thursday due to Election), September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th, and December 5th.

A motion was made by **Alderman Sisk**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Case** to approve the Meeting Schedule for 2024 as follows: January 4, 2024, February 1, 2024, March 7, 2024, April 4, 2024, May 2, 2024, June 6, 2024, July 11, 2024, August 8, 2024, September 5, 2024, October 3, 2024, November 7, 2024, and December 5, 2024. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

c.) Ratify the bill from Southeast Company, Inc. in the amount of \$6,112.75 for work done at the Walmart Sewer Lift Station to change out sewer pumps

Mayor Pesnell stated that the work was done in August 2023; however, the bill had just been sent to the town.

A motion was made by **Alderman Lofty**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** to ratify the bill from Southeast Company, Inc. in the amount of \$6,112.75 for work done at the Walmart Sewer Lift Station to change out sewer pumps. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

d.) Kimball Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department has voted to approve adding David Smith to the department pending Board of Mayor and Aldermen approval

A motion was made by **Alderman Sisk**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** to approve the recommendation of the Kimball Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department adding David Smith to the department. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

e.) Ratify the Purchase of the Tanker from Hometown Volunteer Fire Department for \$18,000

Mayor Pesnell stated the board members had all been previously consulted about this purchase.

A motion was made by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Alderman Sisk** to ratify the purchase of the Tanker from Hometown Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$18,000. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote. This truck was at HM Truck Repair having the front end rebuilt; however, it should be active in the department upon repairs being done.

f.) Discuss Pumper for the Fire Department

Alderman Sisk stated the Kimball Fire Department has prepared bid specifications for the new pumper. The CDBG funding has not been issued yet and the department wanted to move on with this project.

A motion was made by **Alderman Sisk**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Case** to approve letting bids out for the new pumper with bids being due at the February meeting. Also note, the bid price should be good for 90 days. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

g.) Verizon Service

Attorney Gouger has sent a letter to Verizon. It was requested to table this issue until the January meeting. Alderman Matthews stated he appreciates the letter being sent and believes the attorney wrote a good letter representing the town and the issues with the service for the first responders as well as the citizens.

h.) Maintenance Report

Alderman Matthews had nothing new at this time.

i.) Fire Report

Alderman Sisk gave the fire report for November 2023 as follows: The department responded to seven calls for the month which were one rescue, one brush fire, and five mutual aids. The department had recertification training on December 1st and 2nd. This was a very beneficial class with new techniques taught.

j.) Parks and Recreation Report

Alderman Lofty stated the Park and Recreation Board met on November 28, 2023. The board discussed the Fall Soccer season, which ended with a year-end party at the park. Spring 2024 Soccer season will begin online registration January 8th through February 4th. In-person spring soccer registration will be held January 27th and February 3rd. The mayor and park director will meet with the neighboring towns to see what their requests will be for the baseball/softball complex. The park board will review these requests at the January meeting. The park director informed the board of the upcoming Christmas Market which will be held on December 16th from 10 am to 4 pm at Kimball Park off Industrial Boulevard. There will be vendors, food trucks, games, bingo, axe throwing, and bounce houses along with Santa Clause and the Grinch. Everyone is welcome to attend. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

k.) Police Report

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

Litigation Tax and Training Fees	\$44.25
Court Costs	\$180.75
Fines	\$100.00
Report Fees	\$70.00
Sessions Court	\$378.10
TOTAL	\$773.10

The department responded to 177 calls for the month of November.

l.) Planning Commission Report

Vice Mayor Case stated the Kimball Planning Commission meeting for November was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

m.) Attorney Report

Attorney Gouger had nothing new to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Lofty stated she would like to see everyone attend the Christmas Market on December 16th at the park.

Vice Mayor Case stated the instructor for the recertification class did an excellent job and this might have been one of the best certification classes they had attended in a few years. The new techniques and new tools were impressive. The town appreciates Chris Reed coming to teach this class.

Aldermen Matthews stated he had received numerous compliments on the Christmas decorations, and he appreciates all involved in the decorating including the beautification committee – Jayne Pesnell, Bettye Hudson and Wanda Case along with the town maintenance crew.

Mayor Pesnell had items under new business as follows:

- The town would like to congratulate the South Pittsburg Pirates on their 2023 football season and their Division 1-A State Championship.
- The Kimball Police Department would like to congratulate Jerry Vanallman on his retirement. Patrolman Vanallman will be retiring December 26th, and the town would like to wish him the best of luck on his future endeavors. The town has started accepting applications/resumes from certified police officers and will continue to take these until December 21, 2023, at 2 pm. Notification to the public was placed in today's Marion Tribune.
- The Mayor attended a Mayor's Meeting on December 4, 2023, at the Western Sizzlin in which State Representative Iris Rudder and State Senator Todd Gardenhire were also present. These state officials listened to all of our local mayors' concerns involving state-related issues. The Mayor's concerns echoed those of the other mayors in attendance which were with TDOT and the Industrial Boulevard project. Mayor Pesnell also requested information again concerning the possibility of the town getting its own postal service to cover Kimball City Limits and the Jasper Highlands. All of the Town's concerns were heard and will be looked into over the next several months.
- Town Hall and Maintenance will be closed Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday. The sanitation route will run on December 27th.
- Town Hall and Maintenance will be closed Monday, January 1st for the New Year's Day Holiday. The sanitation route will run on Tuesday, January 2nd.
- The Town Financial Report is as follows:

General Fund	\$4,157,747
State Street Aid Fund	\$ 83,008
Drug Fund	\$ 10,380
Sewer Fund	\$ 987,894
- The next monthly meeting will be January 4, 2024, at 6 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

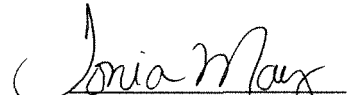
Mayor Pesnell stated he wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Rex Pesnell, Mayor



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