

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
KIMBALL, TENNESSEE  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024**

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A meeting of the Kimball Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Thursday, January 4, 2024, in the Meeting Room of Town Hall, 675 Main Street, Kimball, Tennessee.

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

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### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

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

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

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### **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 John Matthews, Alderman Johnny Sisk, and Attorney William Gouger.

Alderman Teresa Lofty was absent.

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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On a motion by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Alderman Sisk** the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting for December 7, 2023, were approved unanimously on a board vote.

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

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Mayor Pesnell had the following items under old business:

- The Town was notified during the month of December that it had been awarded the CDBG Grant for the New Fire Pumper Truck. The town is now awaiting the grant contract in order to move forward with this purchase. The total grant will be \$525,000 with \$420,000 being CDBG funding and \$105,000 being the local match.
- The town was notified that our Blue Cross Healthy Places grant application was not funded for the 2024 year. The town may reapply in August 2024 for the 2025 grant year.

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### **SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS**

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#### **a.) Steve Lamb Marion County EMA Director to give Hazard Mitigation Update**

Mr. Steve Lamb was present at the meeting to give an update concerning the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is required by law to be done every 5 years. The Marion County Emergency Management Agency has created a letter with a QR code or website address with a survey to get feedback from its residents based on their concerns on this topic. Each county resident is encouraged to complete the survey. Club members will be at various locations to get paper copies completed for the survey. The board will have meetings in the future to discuss the survey results. In the past, the mass notification system was part of the update for our county. The update is to help reduce long term results of natural disasters.

#### **b.) Discuss Hiring a New Certified Police Officer**

Mayor Pesnell stated the town had several applications. After the applications were reviewed, it was determined to hire from within.

A motion was made by **Mayor Pesnell**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** to move Travis Hullender from a part-time Kimball Fire Department position to a full-time Certified Police Officer for the Kimball Police Department. Alderman Sisk stated that in the future he prefers the town board to interview the applicants that apply for a position instead of no interview and hire from within. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

#### **c.) Ratify the Purchase of Panasonic Toughbook for Kimball Police Department through Violent Crime Initiative Funding (VCIF) in the amount of \$7,616.16 from Tough Outlet**

A motion was made by **Alderman Sisk**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Case** to ratify the purchase of Panasonic Toughbook for Kimball Police Department through Violent Crime Initiative Funding (VCIF) in the amount of \$7,616.16 from Tough Outlet. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

**d.) Review Off-Premises Beer Application for K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. with manager Adam Goodwin located at 556 Main Street, Kimball, Tennessee**

A motion was made by **Mayor Pesnell**, seconded by **Alderman Sisk** to approve the off-premises beer application for K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. with manager Adam Goodwin located at 556 Main Street, Kimball, Tennessee. The motion passed on a board vote with Alderman Matthews voting no.

**e.) Review On-Premises Special Events Beer Application for South Pittsburg Rotary Club with President Norman Flake with event to be located at Raulston Woods and Garden at 1138 Old Dixie Highway, South Pittsburg, Tennessee**

A motion was made by **Alderman Sisk**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Case** to approve the on-premises special events beer application for South Pittsburg Rotary Club with President Norman Flake with event to be located at Raulston Woods and Garden at 1138 Old Dixie Highway, South Pittsburg, Tennessee. The motion passed on a board vote with Alderman Matthews voting no.

**f.) Ratify Invoice from Nabco Electric for Installation and Programming of the New School Zone Signs in the amount of \$6,170.38**

A motion was made by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Alderman Sisk** to ratify the invoice from Nabco Electric for installation and programming of the new school zone signs in the amount of \$6,170.38. Mayor Pesnell stated he has had several comments complimenting the new signs. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

**g.) Approve Fire Department to purchase a New Gasoline-Powered Trash Pump in the amount up to \$5,000**

A motion was made by **Alderman Sisk**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** to approve the Fire Department to purchase a new gasoline-powered trash pump in the amount up to \$5,000. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

**h.) Approve the Hiring of a New Part-time Fire Department Personnel**

Mayor Pesnell stated that Kimball Fire Chief Keef has recommended filling the open position left by Travis Hullender with James Brown. The position is part-time at a rate of \$13 per hour with the employee working a maximum of 16 hours every two weeks.

A motion was made by **Alderman Sisk**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** to approve the hiring of James Brown as the new part-time fire department personnel at an hourly rate of \$13 per hour with a maximum of 16 hours every two weeks. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

**i.) Verizon Service**

Attorney Gouger stated that he had made contact with several Verizon representatives. Some of the representatives are no longer over the government accounts in Tennessee. However, these contacts have made their way to the correct personnel who have been in communication with our attorney. The Verizon representatives have requested certain steps so Verizon can know when, where and who is having issues. Also, Verizon was in the midst of making major upgrades to the area during the months of September-November 2023. Verizon agreed to address all issues as they are notified.

**j.) Discuss Purchase Option for Property located at 11 Kimball Cove Road Parcel 133D A 027.00 subject to Title Search, Appraisal and Seller/Buyer Agreement**

A motion was made by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Case** to approve Attorney Gouger to start a title search on the property located at 11 Kimball Cove Road Parcel 133D A 027.00. The town will continue to explore other options for property to build a storage building. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

**k.) Maintenance Report**

Alderman Matthews stated that everything is going well in the department.

**l.) Fire Report**

Alderman Sisk gave the fire report for December 2023 as follows: The department responded to six calls for the month which were two fires and four mutual aids. The department is preparing to send the tanker to Elizabethtown, Kentucky for repairs within the next couple of months.

### m.) Parks and Recreation Report

Alderman Matthews stated the Park and Recreation Board did not meet in December. The Christmas Market was held on December 16<sup>th</sup> with vendors, food trucks, games, axe throwing and bounce houses along with Santa Clause and the Grinch. Spring 2024 Online Soccer registration will start January 8<sup>th</sup> and end on February 4<sup>th</sup>. In-person registration will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

### n.) Police Report

Alderman Sisk gave an update on the Police Department as follows:

Report Fees	\$60.00
Sessions Court	\$471.93
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$531.93</b>

### o.) Planning Commission Report

Alderman Sisk stated the Kimball Planning Commission meeting for December was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

### p.) Attorney Report

Attorney Gouger had nothing new to discuss.

## NEW BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Case wanted to wish the Mayor a Happy Birthday and Police Chief a belated happy birthday.

Aldermen Sisk stated the Town of Jasper is interested in buying the Fire Department's old tanker. It was requested that Fire Chief Keef establish a price for the old tanker and an option be available for this entity to be given the first right of refusal.

A motion was made by **Alderman Sisk**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** to approve the Town of Jasper to have the right of first refusal on the purchase of the Fire Department's old tanker, which is a 1974 Peterbilt. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

Mayor Pesnell had items under new business as follows:

- Town Hall and Maintenance will be closed Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. The sanitation route will run on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The Town Financial Report is as follows:
 

General Fund	\$4,228,352
State Street Aid Fund	\$ 84,195
Drug Fund	\$ 10,395
Sewer Fund	\$ 995,125
- The next monthly meeting will be February 1, 2024, at 6 pm.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

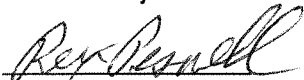
Adam Goodwin, manager of Food City, was in attendance and noted that Food City will be opening February 7, 2024, with a soft opening February 6, 2024, from 5 pm to 7 pm. He also stated there had been 276 people interviewed for jobs at this location with plans to have 176 on the payroll. The building is 49,000 square feet which will include a Starbucks that plans to employ twenty. The site will also have fresh sushi and many other things. The workers are onsite now installing and setting shelves along with other preparations for the upcoming opening. Mr. Goodwin said he appreciated being able to work in our community with everyone being very cooperative.

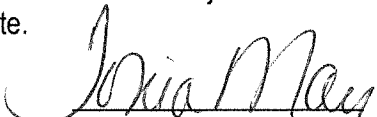
Tony Romas stated they are hoping to be opening in April 2024, which will depend on the contractors.

Long John Silvers had a few issues to work around, however, they are looking forward to starting the new building soon.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

  
Rex Pesnell, Mayor

  
Tonia May, Recorder