

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
KIMBALL, TENNESSEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

A meeting of the Kimball Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Thursday, February 1, 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.

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 John Matthews, Alderman Johnny Sisk, Alderman Teresa Lofty, and Attorney William Gouger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Alderman Sisk** the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting for January 4, 2024, were approved unanimously on a board vote.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

a.) Judge Charles Jenkins, Jr. swearing in Patrolman G. Travis Hullender for Kimball Police Department

Judge Jenkins performed the swearing in of newly hired Kimball Police Officer G. Travis Hullender.

b.) Consider adding B's Towing and Recovery owned by Brandon Quarles to Kimball's Wrecker List for Light and Medium Duty Tows

Mayor Pesnell stated he had spoken with the Police Department, and they could use another wrecker service on their list. Also, there will be no vehicles stored in Kimball. Mr. Quarles has provided the town with his insurance, business license and a local location for the wrecker to be onsite as much as possible.

A motion was made by **Vice Mayor Case**, seconded by **Alderman Lofty** to add B's Towing and Recovery to Kimball's Wrecker List for Light and Medium Duty Tows. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

c.) Consider allowing Lt. Greg Rowe to take off without full weeks' pay for an extended amount of time to heal from surgery

A motion was made by **Vice Mayor Case**, seconded by **Alderman Sisk** to approve Lt. Greg Rowe to take off without full weeks' pay for an extended amount of time to heal from surgery. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

d.) Agreements with City of South Pittsburg and South Pittsburg Youth Organization, Inc. concerning the usage of the Baseball/Softball Complex

The agreement is for the Spring ball season starting February 1, 2024, until July 31, 2024. The agreement is similar to last year with a few changes which include the South Pittsburg Youth Organization, Inc. to pay a total of \$7,500 for using the facility along with providing the chalk, paint, and field conditioner. The entities have been provided a copy of the agreement along with the Recreational Department Hold Harmless for Outside Leagues and Interlocal/Mutual Aid Agreement

A motion was made by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Alderman Sisk** to approve the Agreement pertaining to the usage of the Kimball Baseball/Softball Complex, the Recreation Department Hold Harmless Agreement for Outside Leagues, and the Interlocal/Mutual Aid Agreement. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

e.) Review the audit contract for 2023-2024 with Johnson, Murphey and Wright P.C.

A motion was made by **Alderman Sisk**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Case** to approve the audit contract for 2023-2024 with Johnson, Murphey and Wright P.C. in the amount of \$39,765. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

f.) Maintenance Report

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

g.) Fire Report

Alderman Sisk gave the fire report for January 2024 as follows: The department responded to eleven calls for the month which were five rescues, three mutual aids and three investigations.

h.) Parks and Recreation Report

Alderman Lofty stated the Park and Recreation Board met on January 23, 2024. The park board reviewed the requests from the City of South Pittsburg and South Pittsburg Youth Organization. The park board recommended the agreements as presented. Spring 2024 Online Soccer registration started January 8th and will end on February 4th. In-person registration will be held on February 3rd. To date, there have been about 112 players registered. The board discussed the soccer fields, and a plan has been made to put sand in the holes and reseed these areas before the season begins. More in-depth work will be done after the spring soccer season. The pipes burst in the bathrooms near the barn. The plumber has been onsite and made the proper repairs. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

i.) Police Report

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

Litigation Tax and Training Fees	\$28.50
Court Costs	\$288.50
Fines	\$55.00
Report Fees	\$120.00
Sessions Court	\$466.34
TOTAL	\$958.34

The department responded to 218 calls during January.

j.) Planning Commission Report

Vice Mayor Case stated the Kimball Planning Commission meeting was held January 25, 2024. The meeting was originally scheduled for January 16, 2024, which had to be rescheduled due to the winter weather. The board approved the site plan for Kimball Baptist Church to add 3,247 square feet of additional classrooms along with 16 additional parking spaces. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

k.) Attorney Report

Attorney Gouger stated he has been in contact with Verizon Representatives. They have asked for specific issues to be sent to them as they arise in order to help pinpoint the coverage issues within Kimball. Recorder May and Police Chief Allison will work on getting this information as it arises to our Verizon Representative.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pesnell had items under new business as follows:

- T-Mobile had their ribbon cutting today, February 1st at 4 pm with several from our town and the county in attendance. T-Mobile will be celebrating their Grand Opening on Friday, February 2nd from 11 am until 7 pm. The new company is located at 735 Main Street. All are welcome to visit their grand opening with games, prizes and special deals.
- The Chick-fil-A Metrocenter Food Truck will be at the T-Mobile Grand Opening February 2nd from 11 am until 4 pm.
- Food City will be opening February 7, 2024, at 8 am. There will be an open house on February 6th from 5 pm to 7 pm with the flag raising ceremony starting at 6:15 pm and the event will end with fireworks.
- Town Hall and Maintenance will be closed Monday, February 19th for the President’s Day Holiday. The sanitation route will run on Tuesday, February 20th.

- Early voting for Presidential Primary and County Primary starts February 14th - February 27th and the last day for absentee ballot requests is February 27th. All early voting and absentee ballot requests must be done at the Marion County Election Office in Jasper. The official Election Day is March 5th which is held here at the Municipal Building for our citizens.
- The Town Financial Report is as follows:

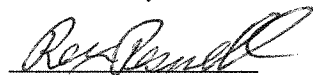
General Fund	\$4,344,877
State Street Aid Fund	\$ 85,175
Drug Fund	\$ 10,398
Sewer Fund	\$ 995,785
- The next monthly meeting will be March 7, 2024, at 6 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

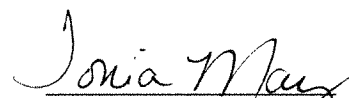
Adam Goodwin, manager of Food City, was in attendance and noted that Food City will be opening February 7, 2024, with a soft opening February 6, 2024, from 5 pm to 7 pm. The fireworks show will last approximately 20 minutes. The parking lot will be roped off for the soft opening and parking arrangements have been made with their neighbor Lowe's. There will be nine different \$400 checks to the local public schools presented on February 6th. The owners of Food City will be at the soft opening. Food City will be employing 220 people. They interviewed over 500 for positions in Kimball. Deliveries will be made to the store every other day; however, during the first 10 days, there will be deliveries more often. Mayor Pesnell stated that all the Kimball Aldermen and Marion County Commissioners worked together to get this business located in our county.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Rex Pesnell, Mayor



Tonia May, Recorder