
**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
KIMBALL, TENNESSEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.**

A Public Hearing of the Town of Kimball Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Town Hall, 675 Main Street, Kimball, Tennessee. Those members present were Mayor Rex Pesnell, Vice Mayor Jerry Don Case, Alderman John Matthews, Alderman Teresa Lofty, Alderman Johnny Sisk and Attorney William Gouger.

Mayor Pesnell called the public hearing to order concerning Ordinance No. 292 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget & Capital Program of Kimball, Tennessee for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.


NEW BUSINESS

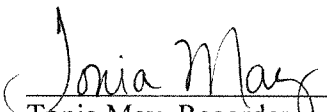
- a) **Ordinance No. 292 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget & Capital Program of Kimball, Tennessee for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Rex Pesnell, Mayor


Tonia May, Recorder

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
KIMBALL, TENNESSEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024**

A meeting of the Kimball Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Thursday, October 3, 2024, 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 started 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 John Matthews, Alderman Johnny Sisk, Alderman Teresa Lofty and Attorney William Gouger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by **Alderman Lofty**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting for September 5, 2024, were approved unanimously on a board vote.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

a.) Marion County Mayor David Jackson

County Mayor, David Jackson attended the meeting with an update on the next project to be started at the Chattanooga State location on Main Street. Mayor Jackson requested that the county building inspector be allowed to oversee this project.

A motion was made by **Alderman Lofty**, seconded by **Alderman Sisk** to allow the County Building Inspector to oversee the upcoming \$3.4 Million-dollar project at the Chattanooga State location off of Main Street for the next phase of development at this site. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

b.) Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 292 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget & Capital Program of Kimball, Tennessee for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

A motion was made by **Alderman Sisk**, seconded by **Alderman Lofty** to approve the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 292 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget & Capital Program of Kimball, Tennessee for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

c.) Review the Beer Application from Kamala General Partnership AKA Best Western located at 205 Kimball Crossing Drive for on premises beer permit with owners as follows: Danish Patel, Deep Govan, Nalinaben Patel, Pritiben Patel, and Pavinbhai Patel

Mayor Pesnell stated that a background check had been done on all the owners and all five were clear.

A motion was made by **Alderman Lofty**, seconded by **Alderman Sisk** to approve the Beer Permit for Kamala General Partnership aka Best Western located at 205 Kimball Crossing Drive for on premises beer sales with owners as follows: Danish Patel, Deep Govan, Nalinaben Patel, Pritiben Patel and Pavinbhai Patel. The motion passed on a board vote with Alderman Matthews voting no.

d.) Approve the Bill from Marion County Partnership for Economic Development for FY 24-25 Annual Dues in the amount of \$5,000

A motion was made by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Alderman Lofty** to approve the bill from Marion County Partnership for Economic Development for FY 24-25 Annual Dues in the amount of \$5,000. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

e.) Discuss Hiring a Certified Police Officer for the Kimball Police Department

Mayor Pesnell stated the board had interviewed candidates on September 30, 2024, and the recommendation from the Police Chief as well as his recommendation was to hire Jacob Weeks.

A motion was made by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Case** to approve the hiring of Jacob Weeks as a Certified Police Officer for the Kimball Police Department. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

f.) Discuss Kimball Police Department promotion of Officer to Lieutenant

Mayor Pesnell recommended the promotion of Sergeant Doug Gouger to Lieutenant with effective date to retro back to October 2, 2024.

A motion was made by **Alderman Lofty**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** to approve the Kimball Police Department promotion of Sergeant Doug Gouger to Lieutenant effective October 2, 2024. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

g.) Discuss Kimball Police Department promotion of Officer to Sergeant

Mayor Pesnell recommended the promotion of Officer George "Chip" Wampler to Sergeant with effective date to retro back to October 2, 2024.

A motion was made by **Vice Mayor Case**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** to approve the Kimball Police Department promotion of Officer George "Chip" Wampler to Sergeant effective October 2, 2024. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

h.) Approve the Bills from Score Sports in the amount of \$5,362 and \$161.36 for Fall Soccer Uniforms

A motion was made by **Alderman Lofty**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Case** to approve the bills from Score Sports in the amount of \$5,362 and \$161.36 for Fall Soccer Uniforms. It was noted that the company had overcharged shipping charges, and the town will not be paying \$1052 for shipping. It will be dropped to \$435.32 for shipping charges. Therefore, payment will be less than approved since notification on shipping reduction was received today. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

i.) Discuss the Restroom/Storage/Concession Building for the Park located off Industrial Boulevard

Alderman Lofty stated that she had spoken with the mayor about the concerns for the future building. She has addressed all the concerns about the future site of the building. A drawing has been submitted to the board for review along with a location spot. After review, more information will be necessary before bids can be requested. The board has elected to have a workshop on this project before the next meeting. Attorney Gouger stated that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen need to approve the bid specifications and drawings before asking for bids on the building. There is an option to add the parking lot as an addendum or bid on the parking separately. After much discussion, the mayor requested to table this issue.

j.) Maintenance Report

Alderman Matthews had nothing to report. The department is doing well.

k.) Fire Report

Alderman Sisk gave the fire report for September 2024 as follows: the department responded to four calls for the month which were two rescues, one mutual aid, and one cancelled in route.

l.) Parks and Recreation Report

Alderman Lofty stated that the Park and Recreation Board met on September 24, 2024. The Kimball Soccer League participated in a scrimmage game on September 7th, and everything went well. Kimball is scheduled to host soccer October 5th and October 26th. There was a meeting with the coaches, parents and head of TSSA concerning the direction for the youth soccer league. During this meeting, the TSSA discussed offering referee classes in which fees would be waived to promote more participation and the recruitment of soccer referees. Kimball Christian Academy has been using the ball complex for their practices and home games. They would like to use the umpire room for their dressing room and put in portable lockers for their players. They also asked about a new coke agreement in order to get updated score boards. A new drain and catch basin have been installed. The director and maintenance crew have removed all the old mulch and barrier from the playground near the barn and installed new barrier and mulch in this area. A coach/parent/Kimball resident was at the meeting requesting better uniforms, bathrooms, benches and lights. The next park board meeting is set for October 29, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

m.) Police Report

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

Litigation Tax and Training Fees	\$103.25
Court Costs	\$421.75
Fines	\$275.00
Report Fees	\$50.00
Sessions Court	\$551.84
TOTAL	\$1,401.84

The department responded to 286 calls for September.

n.) Planning Commission Report

Vice Mayor Case said the Kimball Planning Commission meeting was held on September 17, 2024. The planning commission reviewed a preliminary plat for the Baker 10-lot subdivision on Brown Road. The preliminary plat showed the water coming from South Pittsburg; however, the water on this road will be from Jasper. There was a motion to approve the preliminary plat with the water changed to Jasper. The building inspector will require a Tennessee licensed surveyor to set the building corners on all the lots due to the lots being narrow. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

o.) Attorney Report

Attorney Gouger had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pesnell had items under new business as follows:


- Town Hall and Maintenance will be closed October 14th for the Columbus Day Holiday. The sanitation route will be run on Tuesday, October 15th.
- Kimball Police and Fire Department will be in front of the Town Hall on Halloween night starting at 5 pm giving out goodies.
- The next monthly meeting will be November 7, 2024, at 6 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several Residents from the Town of Kimball were in attendance at the meeting concerning the possibility of closing a portion of Hillcrest Lane. Residents Todd Smith and family, Bobby Joe Blevins, Clinton Tate, Dean Pesnell, and Chris Ferrell all spoke concerning the road closure and traffic in Kimball. The town started the initial phase of closing the roadway which was to see if the board was willing to consider closing this part of the road. The next phase would be to notify the property owners along the roadway, then an ordinance would have to be approved, public hearing on the ordinance and the second and final reading would be done. At any of these stages, the public can state their concerns and reasons for the objection or support of the item. However, the town has only considered the possibility at this time. Also, the owner and purchaser has also requested the town to back down and not proceed at this time. The consensus of those in attendance were against the total closure of the roadway. The town has applied for a BlueCross Healthy Places grant which could impact this area as well.

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 Lofty**. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.


Rex Pesnell, Mayor


Tonia May, Recorder