

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
KIMBALL, TENNESSEE  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025**

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A meeting of the Kimball Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Thursday, January 2, 2025, 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**

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Mayor Pesnell requested Vice Mayor Case to say the invocation over the meeting.

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

**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, and Attorney William Gouger.

Alderman Johnny Sisk and Alderman Teresa Lofty were absent from the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

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Mayor Pesnell had the following items under old business:

- The town was notified in December that the BlueCross Healthy Places Grant was not funded. The town was informed that our project received high marks; however, the committee elected to fund projects primarily in upper East Tennessee due to the recent devastation from the hurricane. The town will try again next year for this grant.

**SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS**

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**a.) Judge Charles Jenkins to Swear in Newly Re-Elected Officials**

Judge Jenkins swore in Mayor Rex Pesnell.

Judge Jenkins swore in Vice Mayor Jerry Don Case.

Judge Jenkins swore in Alderman John Matthews.

**b.) Interlocal Agreement Between Marion County and the Town of Kimball for the Commitment of Required Match and Overages for the Marion County Water Line Interconnects Project**

Mayor Pesnell stated that the county had applied for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding through Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) with Southeast Tennessee Development District administering the grant application and grant funding. Since the county applied for the grant, they will be the main contact on this project; however, the towns/entities listed on the project will share the 20 percent match plus any overage charges. The total grant is for \$2,932,187 with the towns/entities being responsible for \$586,438. The remaining \$2,345,789 will be from ARPA Grant Funds which have to be spent by 9/30/2026. If all three entities participate, the Town of Kimball will owe \$195,479 for its portion of the 20 percent match plus 1/3 of the overage charges on the grant project. In an effort to better control the overage charges, it has been recommended to add an alternate bid. This bid would be by foot pricing. This waterline connection project is important for all three communities. By having a backup plan, these communities would have water supply while the other is being repaired. This new waterline will give Kimball an alternative water source as the current line feeding Kimball is over 40 years old and the current line goes under Interstate 24 at

approximately 30 feet below the asphalt. The waterline plan is to come across the Gilliam Property near Kimball Park and tie into our current system near Lowe's or Tractor Supply. The town has applied for grant funds in the past concerning this project; however, it has never received any funding.

Alderman Matthews has concerns about the town approving this project since the water into Kimball is supplied by the South Pittsburg Water Company. However, Attorney Gouger explained in detail about the scope of the project as well as the benefits. South Pittsburg Water Company would own the waterlines after the completion as well as absorb the depreciation costs. The addition of the lines could be beneficial to Kimball, especially if devastation was to hit our area similar to the hurricane that affected upper East Tennessee.

A motion was made by **Mayor Pesnell**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Case** to approve the Interlocal Agreement Between Marion County and the Town of Kimball for the Commitment of Required Match and Overages for the Marion County Water Line Interconnects Project. Mayor Pesnell requested a Roll Call Vote as follows: Mayor Pesnell aye, Vice Mayor Case aye and Alderman Matthews aye. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **c.) Ratify the Kimball Fire and Rescue Department applying for a Grant for New Radios in Collaboration with other Fire Departments within Marion County**

Mayor Pesnell requested Vice Mayor Case to explain this grant request.

Vice Mayor Case stated that the county is trying to get a countywide grant for new radios for the local fire departments. Fire Chief Keef has been in several meetings concerning applying for this grant with the Chief from Jasper Highlands leading and completing the majority of the grant paperwork. Fire Chief Keef would not sign anything or provide numbers without the Mayor and Vice Mayor's consideration and understanding of the grant. Vice Mayor Case stated that if the county was to get the grant it would be a 90%-10% grant. There may be additional funding to seek for the fire department's 10% match; however, if not, the 10% match for Kimball will be less than the cost of one radio at full price. The Kimball Fire and Rescue Department is going to be included in the grant for eight (8) radios. These radios are \$5,500 each which would be a total of \$44,000 for all eight radios. Kimball's portion of the 10% will be \$4,400 unless additional grants are obtained for the match.

A motion was made by **Vice Mayor Case**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** to ratify the Kimball Fire and Rescue Department applying for a Grant for New Radios in Collaboration with other Fire Departments within Marion County along with the Fire Chief Jeff Keef signing the grant paperwork. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

### **d.) First Reading of Ordinance No. 293 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget and Capital Program of Kimball, Tennessee for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

A motion was made by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Case** to approve on First Reading of Ordinance No. 293 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget and Capital Program of Kimball, Tennessee for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

### **e.) Review the Wastewater Policy**

Attorney Gouger and Recorder May have discussed the particulars of the operations of Kimball's Wastewater Collection which is unique since Kimball does not have its own water system. The town does not collect the water payment or sewer payment, nor do they figure these invoices. The town works with South Pittsburg Water Works and Sewers and Marion Natural Gas Systems on these issues. The policy will be modified to conform with these limits. This item will be tabled until the policy has been revised.

### **f.) Maintenance Report**

Alderman Matthews stated Maintenance Supervisor David Henley stated everything was going well within the department.

### **g.) Fire Report**

Alderman Matthews gave the fire report for December 2024 as follows: the department responded to eight calls for the month which were two rescues, two structure fires, and four mutual aids.

### **h.) Parks and Recreation Report**

Alderman Matthews stated there was no Park and Recreation Meeting during December.. The next park board meeting is set for January 28, 2025, at 5:30 pm at Kimball Town Hall.

### i.) Police Report

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

Litigation Tax and Training Fees	\$104.25
Court Costs	\$420.75
Fines	\$355.00
Report Fees	\$85.00
Sessions Court	\$1,131.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,096.34</b>

The department responded to 223 calls for the month of December. The department responded to 3,186 calls for the 2024 calendar year.

### j.) Planning Commission Report

Vice Mayor Case stated there was no Kimball Planning Commission meeting during December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

### k.) Attorney Report

Attorney Gouger had nothing new to report.

## NEW BUSINESS

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Mayor Pesnell had items under new business as follows:

- Town Hall and Maintenance will be closed January 20<sup>th</sup> for the MLK Day Holiday. Sanitation Route will be run on January 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The next monthly meeting will be February 6, 2025, at 6 pm.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS


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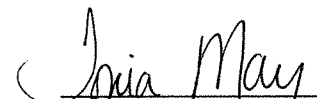
Roger Haggard stated that the shopping center still has several lights that are inoperable at this time. Mayor Pesnell stated he had been in contact with the shopping center representatives, and they are getting quotes to have these repaired.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

  
Rex Pesnell, Mayor

  
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