

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
KIMBALL, TENNESSEE  
THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025**

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A meeting of the Kimball Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Thursday, March 6, 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.

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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 Lofty 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 Teresa Lofty and Attorney William Gouger.

Alderman Johnny Sisk was absent from the meeting.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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On a motion by **Alderman Lofty**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Case** the Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Board Meeting for February 13, 2025, were approved unanimously on a board vote.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

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Mayor Pesnell had the following item under old business:

- The Kimball Police Department ordered the Dodge Durangos after last month's meeting. TT of Columbia has delivered one unit for the Police Chief. The others should be on their way to the dealership during the month of March. Upon arrival at the dealership, the upfitting will begin and they should be delivered to the town upon completion.

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**SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS**

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**a.) Discuss Bidding out the ARPA Grant Project for a New Sewer Line from the Main Lift Station to City Limits with a new sewer line using ARPA Grant, Funding from Marion County ARPA Grant and ARPA funds contingent upon all approvals from TDEC, TDOT and any others required as well as satisfying grant management requirements**

Town Engineer Matthew Tucker was in attendance at the meeting to explain the sewer line location and answer any other questions by the town board or citizens at the meeting.

After much discussion, a motion was made by **Vice Mayor Case**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** to approve the town to Bid out the ARPA Grant Project for the New Sewer Line from the Main Lift Station to the City Limits using ARPA Grant, Funding from Marion County ARPA Grant and ARPA funds contingent upon all approvals from TDEC, TDOT and any others required as well as satisfying grant management requirements. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote. The bids will be opened at the May Meeting.

**b.) Open Bids on the 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe ending with VIN #2640**

Mayor Pesnell Opened the Bid on the 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe ending with VIN #2640. The town only received one bid from George "CJ" Wampler, IV for \$2,000 with Attorney Gouger reviewing the bid document for compliance.

A motion was made by **Alderman Lofty**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Case** to accept the bid from George "CJ" Wampler, IV for \$2,000 for the 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe ending with VIN #2640. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

**c.) Consider Purchasing Four (4) Radars for the Police Department using THSO Grant and Capital Project Funding in the amount of \$9,796.68**

A motion was made by **Vice Mayor Case**, seconded by **Alderman Lofty** to approve the purchase of Four (4) Radars for the Police Department using THSO Grant and Capital Project Funding in the amount of \$9,796.68 from Kustom Signals, Inc. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

**d.) Approve the Kimball Police Department to Apply for the THSO Network Coordinator's Grant for \$25,000 for the October 2025 to September 2026 Grant Cycle**

A motion was made by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Alderman Lofty** to approve the Kimball Police Department to Apply for the THSO Network Coordinator's Grant for \$25,000 for the October 2025 to September 2026 Grant Cycle. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

**e.) Approve turning over the Unpaid 2023 Kimball Property Taxes to the Town Attorney for Collection Procedures**

A motion was made by **Vice Mayor Case**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** to approve turning over the Unpaid 2023 Kimball Property Taxes to the Town Attorney for Collection Procedures. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

**f.) Review the Audit Contract for 2024-2025 with Johnson, Murphey and Wright. P.C.**

A motion was made by **Vice Mayor Case**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** to approve the audit contract for 2024-2025 with Johnson, Murphey and Wright P.C. in the amount of \$42,875. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

**g.) Review of the Wastewater Adjustment Policy**

A motion was made by **Alderman Lofty**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Case** to approve the Town of Kimball, Tennessee, Policy Regarding Adjustments of Wastewater Usage Charges for Leaks. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

**h.) Review of the Request from Lowe's Home Improvement for Sewer Overage Waiver due to leak under asphalt repaired in January 2025**

The town reviewed the request from Lowe's Home Improvement for Sewer Overage Waiver due to leak under asphalt which according to the Invoice provided by Lowe's was repaired on January 13, 2025, by American Plumbing. The board reviewed the options provided with totals by South Pittsburg Water and Sewer office. The total adjustment would be as follows: \$30,474.20 with South Pittsburg's waiver being \$20,754.98 and Kimball's waiver being \$9,719.22 along with 3,872,299 gallons being taken off the sewer billed for I and I purposes; the highest 2 months would be for November 2024 and January 2025 with an adjustment in the amount of \$17,674.44 with South Pittsburg's waiver being \$12,034.48 and Kimball's waiver being \$5,636.96 along with 2,248,800 gallons being taken off the sewer billed for I and I purposes. After much discussion, it was also noted that the town did not have to make an adjustment as this company had been given an adjustment last year in the amount of \$11,663.20 for Kimball's portion which was approved in March 2024.

After some discussion, a motion was made by **Aldermen Lofty**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Case** to deny the sewer overage waiver due to a leak under the asphalt as this company had an adjustment in March 2024. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

**i.) Approve the Kimball Fire and Rescue Department to purchase the fire department turn out gear and accessories and imaging camera from MES through the Sourcewell Pricing Index through the Volunteer Firefighter Equipment and Training Grant Program**

A motion was made by **Alderman Lofty**, seconded by **Alderman Matthews** to approve the Kimball Fire and Rescue Department to purchase the fire department turn out gear and accessories and imaging camera from MES through the Sourcewell Pricing Index through the Volunteer Firefighter Equipment and Training Grant Program not to exceed the grant amount of \$37,810. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

**j.) Maintenance Report**

Alderman Matthews stated that everything is going okay. The tractor in the department is in the shop and the town will need to look at tractors in the future.

### **k.) Fire Report**

Alderman Matthews gave the fire report for February 2025 as follows: the department responded to four calls for the month which were one rescue, two fires and one canceled in route.

Fire Chief Keef stated that he would like the board to consider approving Ms. Smith to the department. Skylynn Smith has completed the 64-hour class along with completing the EVOC training and passed her background check.

A motion was made by **Alderman Matthews**, seconded by **Alderman Lofty** to approve Skylynn Smith to be on the Kimball Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. The motion passed unanimously on a board vote.

Fire Chief Keef stated that the color chip for the new truck was mailed to the town for review. The chief has approved the color for the new truck which is very close in color to Fire Truck #703.

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

Alderman Lofty stated there were 187 players signed up for Spring Soccer with 14 teams. TruGreen has started working on the soccer fields. The agreement with South Pittsburg has been approved. There will be a Spring Valley Cruise-In held at the park on April 5<sup>th</sup> from noon until 4 pm with food vendors and local entertainment. The Easter Egg Hunt will be Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 pm. The next park board meeting is set for March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Kimball Town Hall.

### **m.) Police Report**

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

Litigation Tax and Training Fees	\$160.25
Court Costs	\$574.75
Fines	\$450.00
Report Fees	\$40.00
Sessions Court	\$675.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,900.23</b>

The department responded to 207 calls for the month of February.

Aldermen Matthews wanted to commend the Kimball Police Department for being service friendly during storms. He witnessed a Kimball Police Officer assisting an elderly person being afraid to go the long way home due to some trees being over the road; however, the officer followed the elderly person out Fish Trap Road to their home to make sure this individually made it home safely while roads were being cleared of debris on Sweetens Cove Road.

### **n.) Planning Commission Report**

Vice Mayor Case stated that the planning commission meeting was cancelled for the month of February. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

### **o.) Attorney Report**

Attorney Gouger had nothing new to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Lofty stated the new building being built for the concession, restrooms and storage was coming along.

Mayor Pesnell had items under new business as follows:

- The Mayor, his wife, Aldermen, and police officers attended the Kimball Christian Academy BETA Club luncheon for the Leadership Day which was enjoyable for all on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The mayor wanted to remind everyone to Spring Forward this Saturday.
- The next monthly meeting will be April 3, 2025, at 6 pm.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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There were no comments made from the public.

## **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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