



# THE CITIZEN

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## Utility Rate Changes

### RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR KIMBALL DEPARTMENTS

Effective October 1, 2009, the residents of Kimball will see a rate increase on their monthly utility bill. Rates will increase in the elective, water and sewer departments. Increases are necessary to generate revenues to repair and replace infrastructure in the systems.

### ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Based on a cost of service rate study conducted in August 2008, the electric rates were adjusted 10.6% in October 2008 and an additional 10.6% in October 2009. The City conducts a rate study every two years to review revenue and expenses and capital items. At that time, the City can adjust projec-

tions and use updated information on future rate changes for electric supplies. The 2008 study projects future rate increases in the 6% range. Many changes in the electric industry are being discussed by the Federal government including renewable energy requirements and cap and trade programs. These items could have a substantial impact on electric rates in the coming years.

### WATER DEPARTMENT

The summer of 2009 started off with adequate rainfall for Kimball. Water usages recorded in June and July (May and June usages) were the lowest in the past ten years. That is good news for the consumer but bad news

for the water Department. It is necessary to generate revenues to continue to maintain and replace the system and equipment and to service debt requirements in the water department. The City felt it necessary to implement an 8.21% rate increase in the water department. The customer charge will go from \$13.20 to \$14.75 per month. The per 1,000 gallon fee will change from \$0.95 to \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons of water. This would equate to a \$2.44 per month increase for an average user in the water system or \$29.28 per year. Water customers of the City residing outside the corporate limits should contact the City for rate change information.

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**City of Kimball  
Office Hours  
Mon - Fri  
7:30 AM -  
4:30 PM**

**"The strongest bond of human sympathy outside the family should be one uniting working people of all nations and tongues and kindreds."**

*Abraham Lincoln*

### Special points of interest:

- Utility Rate Changes
- New Economic Development Director
- That's my Dumpster
- Website

## New Economic Development Director

As you may, or may not know, we have a new face in your Economic Development Office. In July, J.P. Komorny joined our team. J.P. is originally from upstate New York and has impressive credentials. What is he doing here? J.P. was working Colorado Cattle Company in Weld County, Colorado, south of Kimball. He and his family decided to look in Kimball for housing, they drove into town from the south following a snow

storm, came over the hill and saw snow covered Kimball and they knew it was home. J.P. submitted his resume for the Economic Development Director position, there were eight candidates for the position and J.P. was the right fit.

J.P.'s first priority is that the Rail Spur Project moves ahead as planned and second, will be revitalization of the downtown business district.

### Monthly Public Meetings

City Council—1st & 3rd Wednesday

Board of Public Works—2nd Tuesday

Park & Rec—2nd Tuesday

Airport—3rd Monday

Library—3rd Monday

Welcome to Kimball J.P.

Check out the Economic Development Web Site

[www.kimball-ne.org](http://www.kimball-ne.org)

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### SEWER DEPARTMENT

As expenses continue to out pace revenues the City is implementing a rate increase of 9.92% in the sewer department effective- October 1, 2009. The customer charge will go from \$9.80 to \$11.00 per month or an increase of \$1.20 per month. The per 1,000 gallon fee will change from \$0.95 to \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons

Electric Service lines coming to your property from the alley are the property owner's responsibility to keep trees clear from hitting the electric lines. The City will clear trees from the distribution lines only, no service lines.



We have been working to update our website so that information regarding the City of Kimball can be found with just a click.

The City of Kimball website can be found at [www.ci.kimball.ne.us/city](http://www.ci.kimball.ne.us/city). On the site, you can find contact information, department information, upcoming

of water used during the winter months only. This increase of \$0.05 per 1,000 gallons will equate to an increase of \$0.25 per month for the average consumer. Overall, the average consumer in the sewer department will see a monthly increase of \$1.45 or \$17.40 for the year.

### LANDFILL & GARBAGE DEPARTMENTS

The Board of Public Works will be reviewing the Landfill and Garbage collection rates at upcoming meetings. Changes proposed will be considered with an effective date of January 1, 2010. All residents of Kimball County (those inside the corporate limits and outside the corporate limits) pay a Landfill fee. The city of Kimball operates the Garbage Collection system within the corporate limits.

### Check It Out

Agendas, minutes from past meetings, calendar with meeting dates and times, forms, Golf Course and Pool info, Economic Development, Job Openings, Application for Employment, Elected and appointed boards and much more. I you have comments or suggestions, fill out a form online and email or, please call the City Office @ 235-3639

The City recognizes how difficult the financial times are for our customers. It is important for the city to maintain and to improve the utility systems we are charged with operation. As with your purchases, items continue to increase in cost, the City is no different.

We will strive to operate the utility systems in a manner to keep rates as low as possible while continuing to maintain and improve our systems. It is important for the City of Kimball to remain competitive with our rates with other communities in our region. Rate structures in all our City departments will continue to be monitored in an effort to give our customers the best service available.

### City of Kimball TV (CKTV) Channel 18

You will find a schedule of upcoming meetings, Kimball Office hours, Library Hours, Pool Hour, Emergency Closings...Check it everyday. Consider it just another way of keeping you informed.

## That's My Dumpster

The City of Kimball's would like to remind you what CAN and CANT go in Waste Containers (Dumpster)

**HOUSEHOLD WASTE** only should be placed in the BROWN containers in the alleys.

**YARDWASTE** should be placed in GREEN containers in alleys.

**RECYCLABLES** should be taken to the CLEAN COMMUNITY containers at 3rd and Locust Streets.

Please **DO NOT** place the following items in Household or Yard waste containers

- NO ASHES
- NO FLAMMABLE ITEMS
- NO TREE LIMBS
- NO APPLIANCES OR FURNITURE
- NO STEEL PRODUCTS
- NO ITEMS THAT PROTRUDE FROM CONTAINER
- NO DIRT OR MASONARY PRODUCTS

**DO PLACE** the following items in Household Waste containers

- Paper, cans, & other household waste
- Raw garbage and animal waste (in plastic bags)

Place your waste in the nearest container in your alley.

If you have any questions, call the City office @ 235-3639

