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In this my final letter as Mayor to the residents of Kimberly, I prepare to leave with my heart full of humble pride. Four years ago I took office knowing difficult decisions would be part of this job. I looked at the hard work of the city council over the last two decades and began a journey that led to needed changes and improvements. We had a severely mismanaged City Clerk's office that was well underway of being cleaned up. Through professional advancements and creation of the City Administrator's Office, Kimberly has seen vast improvements in transparency and financial accountability. As a growing community

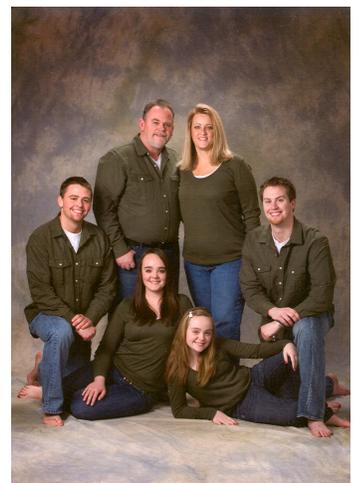
we could no longer ignore infrastructure needs and continue the trend of "Kicking the Can" to the next generation. Our residents stood up in November 2009 and approved the single largest infrastructure project Kimberly as ever seen. The \$6.6 million dollar water improvement project is nearing final completion. I am confident history will prove this to be a crucial period of time that prepared and propelled Kimberly forward for economic growth and stability. Our New City Hall will be completed the end of February 2012. I hope every resident can appreciate the long range planning and foresight of our City Council over the last fifteen years. Through proactive planning and diligently earmarking funds, Kimberly has been able to take on this project without asking the residents to approve a special bond. This new facility is yours and I hope you will take as much pride in it as I do. The city is moving forward with several projects that are vital to improving our community. In 2012 we will see a new traffic control system installed at Red Cap Corner. Through the hard work and diligent planning of our City Administrator and staff, we are on the short list for funding to provide badly needed sidewalks on South Main Street and a Downtown Improvement Project. The City, along with Family Health Services, has applied for grant funding to bring affordable medical services to Kimberly and the east end of the county. There are many other improvement projects in the works and I encourage our new Mayor and City Council's support of these ongoing efforts. I am happy to report the City of Kimberly is in great hands with the dedicated employees working in City Administration, Public Works, Police, and our Public Library. We honestly have the best municipal employees in the state! It has been a privilege and blessing in my life to work with these amazing individuals.

I would like to thank all of you in the community that have plugged in, and taken responsibility, shown support, and been positive and pragmatic in meeting the challenges of our community.

I wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

David Overacre, Mayor



I like to share this quote as often as possible. I dedicate this to all those who volunteer and care enough to get involved and try to make our community and life just a little bit better than it was....

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; because there is not effort without error and shortcomings; but who does actually strive to do the deed; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement and who at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly. So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

~Theodore Roosevelt