

**CITY OF NICKERSON
15 N. NICKERSON
NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 16, 2012**

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

COUNCIL: Brad Berridge – President, Linda Fleming, Dale Brown, Jim Koon, Skip Russell, Mike McLemore

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Robin Schmitt, Phyllis Richardson

GUESTS: Pat Verstraete, Dan Schmitt

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

ROLL CALL: Berridge, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, McLemore

ABSENT:

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 16, 2012 at Nickerson City Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, AGENDA, & PAYABLES – each item limit to 15 minutes

Motion made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Berridge to approve the January 3rd, 2012 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Fleming to approve the Agenda with the addition under Old Business (2) Code Enforcement Discussion. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore **NO:** None

Mayor Gladden confirmed the payable to Fountain People is the 2nd and final payment.

Motion to approve the January 16th payables was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Berridge. Motion carried by

the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** None

CITY ATTORNEY Stan Juhnke – Absent

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery Discussion: Council Member Fleming asked that the Cemetery discussion be tabled until further research can be done on the finances available. The motion to table the discussion passed by a show of hands.

Code Enforcement Discussion: Mayor Gladden explained that Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes would be enforcing the building and construction type codes while Mike McLemore will be the first to assist with enforcement of code complaints when appropriate. Mayor Gladden asked the Council to decide what the pay would be for the code enforcement officer. Discussion ensued. City Clerk Schmitt asked the Council to pay the code enforcement officer by 1099 since there will be various persons assigned to the position depending on the type of enforcement needed. The rate of pay will be assigned to the position and not to the individuals selected by the Mayor to enforce the codes. The Council decided to let Mike McLemore handle the current complaints and he will give feedback for the Council to make a decision on the rate of pay at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Storm Siren Donation: Pat Verstraete, a Council Member from Langdon, Kansas, addressed the Council and requested to purchase at a nominal fee or for the Council to donate to Langdon the storm siren that was recently replaced here in Nickerson. Langdon is a small town of about 50 people with limited funds and the replaced storm siren from Nickerson would be ideal for them. A motion to approve the donation of the replaced storm siren to Langdon was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, **NO:** None

Bond Compliance Officer: Mayor Gladden appointed City Clerk Schmitt as Bond Compliance Officer. Motion to approve the appointment was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon, **NO:** None

Adopt Ordinance 2012-02: Motion was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Russell to adopt Ordinance 2012-02

an Ordinance regarding protection of important land resources and mitigation measures. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, **NO:** None

Adopt Ordinance 2012-03: Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member McLemore to adopt Ordinance 2012-03 an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of \$2,000,000 principle amount of general obligation bonds, series A 2012 and \$943,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds series B 2012. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, McLemore, **NO:** None

Adopt Resolution 2012-01: Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to adopt Resolution 2012-01 a Resolution providing for the adoption of a tax-exempt financing compliance policy and procedure relating to obligations issued and to be issued by the City of Nickerson. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None

Adopt Resolution 2012-02: Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Russell to adopt Resolution 2012-02 a Resolution prescribing the form and details of and authorizing and directing the sale and delivery of the bonds previously authorized by Ordinance 2012-03. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore, **NO:** None

OFFICERS REPORT

Council Member Fleming commented on how traffic is much better at the intersection of Nickerson and K 96 HWY since the “cross traffic does not stop” signs have been installed.

City Clerk Schmitt reminded the Council of the invitation to join the Planning Commission Meeting on January 30th at City Hall at 7p.m. Schmitt also reminded the Council that starting on February 8th we will begin the 2011 audit.

Mayor Gladden presented Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes' report on the Water Park and new BBQ grills. The estimated cost of the 2-5 year old play ground equipment will be \$27963.00 with freight. Council discussed the possibility of shades over the park benches by the Water Park.

The Council approved the request from Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes to purchase 4 more cases of water meters. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member McLemore. Motion carried by the

following vote: **YES:** Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** None

The Council approved the request from Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes to contract with Engineering Consultants for the design of the concrete crossing along the improvement project drainage area. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, **NO:** None

Mayor Gladden reported the Cities 1991 backhoe is in the shop and he stopped at Murphy Tractor to get quotes for the engine repairs. The quotes are: \$8400 for the top end only, \$9577 for complete overhaul, and \$9464 to have the engine replaced with a rebuilt engine. Discussion ensued and the consensus of the Council is for the engine replacement. The Mayor will take the quotes to Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes to make a decision.

Mayor Gladden was approached by Jennifer Whitt about a group she is involved with that would like to explore the possibility of replacing the Chamber of Commerce City sign with an electronic sign. City Clerk Schmitt was also approached by George Hinton of Salem Church and Kathy Kittle with Make-a-Difference day about replacing the sign as well. George Hinton stated they were considering checking with the local churches to see if they would be interested in making donations towards a new sign.

Council Member McLemore reported that in the next week they would be trying to schedule a meeting for the Community Center project.

Mayor Gladden will be asking the City Maintenance Dept. to hang up the Senior Center Sign now that the painting of the building is complete.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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