

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 3, 2014

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

COUNCIL: Brad Berridge – President, Linda Fleming, Jim Koon, Brian Rife,
Jon Rohling, Mike McLemore

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Phyllis Richardson, Robin Schmitt, Mark Gomes

GUESTS: Lynnette Lewis

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

ROLL CALL: Rohling, Koon, Rife, Fleming,

ABSENT: McLemore,

TARDY: Berridge,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2014 at Nickerson City Hall.

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

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Rife to approve the January 20, 2014 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Koon, Rife, Fleming, **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Fleming to approve the Agenda as written. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Rife, Koon, Rohling, **NO:**

Motion to approve the February 3, 2014 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Koon and Council Member Rohling. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Koon, Rohling, Fleming, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:**

CITY ATTORNEY Stan Juhnke

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

Council Member Berridge arrived and joined the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Quote to remove Decals from 2004 Crown Vic – City Clerk Schmitt presented a verbal quote of \$150.00 from Reg's Paint and Body Shop to remove the decals from the old police car.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife to accept the verbal bid of \$150.00. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, Rohling, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:**

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member McLemore's Resignation – City Clerk Schmitt reported that Council Member McLemore turned in his written resignation on Wednesday, January 29, 2014. McLemore cited conflicts between his work hours and the Council meeting times. Schmitt explained that the Mayor directed her to advertise on Channel 7 about the opening in Ward 1. Anyone interested in serving on the Council who live in Ward 1, and are registered to vote, and do not possess a felony, may apply at the City office until February 7th. The Council will then appoint the new Council person at the February 17th Council meeting. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Koon and Council Member Fleming to approve McLemore's resignation. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, Rohling, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:**

Postage Machine Rental Contract – City Clerk Schmitt explained that the rental contract is up for renewal and that April conducted some research and found that Neopost is a much better option than Pitney Bowes for the City. A minimum of \$1674.96 would be saved over a period of 42 months if the City were to go with Neopost for its postage machine rental. Clerk Schmitt also explained that the contract with Pitney Bowes was coming up very soon so she contacted the auditor to find out if she could get approval from the Mayor or Council President ahead of the Council meeting in order to get the process of changing to Neopost started. Since the Mayor was out of town at the moment; Clerk Schmitt contacted Council President Berridge to get preliminary approval.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to approve switching the rental contract to Neopost. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Berridge, Fleming, Rife, Koon, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:**

CCMFOA Spring Conference – City Clerk Schmitt requested approval to attend the CCMFOA Spring Conference in Wichita from March 12 – 14, 2014. This Conference will count as points toward Clerk Schmitt's CMC designation. The cost will be \$250 for registration and \$200 for the hotel accommodations. Clerk Schmitt also offered to pay for her own meals even though it is customary for the City to pay for meals when employees attend conferences.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Koon to approve Clerk Schmitt attending the conference and the City paying the registration fee and the hotel accommodations. Clerk Schmitt will pay for her meals. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, Rohling, Koon, Rife, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:**

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Council Member Koon asked if the Zoning Committee and the Chamber of Commerce could help with figuring out a way to grow the City with new businesses and bringing in more people to live in Nickerson. Koon asked if the City owned any property that could be utilized. Superintendent Gomes reported what property is owned by the City. Mayor Gladden reported that the City of Haven had a group of citizens who pooled their money together and built 8 or 10 houses in Haven and then sold them. Koon asked if there are any tax incentives that could be given to new business or home builders. Mayor Gladden suggested trying to setup a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and the Zoning Committee to discuss the ideas.

Council Member Fleming pointed out the thank you poster, which the kids signed, that was in the packets from when the City donated to the Water Festival. Fleming also mentioned that Kieryn Ontjes, a 4th grader at Nickerson Elementary School won the t-shirt design contest for the Water Festival. Fleming gave the T-shirt that was given to the City for supporting the Water Festival to Kieryn's grandmother.

Council Member Rohling thanked Mark and his crew for doing a good job keeping up with their duties.

Superintendent Gomes reported that the snow brush for the new mower has been delivered but the mechanical part to attach the broom to the mower will not be delivered until tomorrow. Therefore, the broom will not be operational for the upcoming storm but will be for the next storm. Gomes also reported that the equipment and crew are ready to work the upcoming storm.

Mayor Gladden reported that the City of Haven is delighted with the police car that they purchased from Nickerson.

Mayor Gladden reported that he talked with Chuck Beth and that the part of the appropriations for the grant which the City has applied for has not been made yet. No news is good news so far.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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