

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 17, 2014

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Phyllis Richardson, April Beshears, Mark Gomes

GUESTS: Jeff Fawcett, John Murphy, Beth Warren, Michelle and Torianna
McCarty, Lynnette Lewis

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

ROLL CALL: Berridge, Koon, Rife, Fleming,

ABSENT: Rohling,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 17, 2014 at Nickerson City Hall.

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

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

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

Mayor Gladden confirmed the \$2210.17 quarterly payable to Utility Services was for the North water tower and the \$1652.00 payable to WWWater is for Casey's Wastewater Certification training and the \$11506.14 payable to KDHE is for Loan # 2428 which is paid twice a year.

Motion to approve the February 17, 2014 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Fleming. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Koon, Fleming, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:** Berridge

Mayor Gladden explained that the City had new audio/video equipment installed on Thursday and Friday of last week and asked for feedback from the citizens who are watching.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS – Phyllis Richardson explained that Travis Beshears has resigned from the Recreation Commission and the Commission would like to appoint Walker Schrag as the director.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to accept the appointment of Walker Schrag as the Recreation Commission Director. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:**

Jeff Fawcett from Stutzman Refuse Disposal, Inc. asked the Council if they had any questions or suggestions about the contract for refuse service and offered to set up a longer term contract in order to lock in the lower rates for a longer period of time. He also brought information about the recyclebank program which families can earn \$13 to \$20 per month to use towards purchases from local businesses and online businesses. The recycle points are based on the total weight collected for the community but the carts are scanned to give points to the individuals who put their cart out that day.

Michelle McCarty who recently moved to Nickerson addressed the Council about the ordinance prohibiting fowl within the City limits. Michelle would like to have 3 laying hens and no roosters allowed since Sacramento California allows chickens and there they only have 5 foot setbacks between the homes.

OLD BUSINESS

Ward 1 Council Member Appointment – The Council considered John Murphy, Bill Dougherty, and Lynnette Lewis for the Ward 1 Council seat vacancy.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Rife to appoint Lynnette Lewis to the Ward 1 Council seat. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rife, Fleming, Gladden, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:** Berridge,

Mayor Gladden swore in Lynnette Lewis as the new Council Member for Ward 1 and Lynnette took her seat on the Council.

Water Rate Review – Beth Warren with Ranson Financial, who partner with KDHE, presented the water rate review which suggests that a rate increase of 31%

should provide sufficient revenue to pay forecasted expenditures and debt service. The information presented was informational only.

NEW BUSINESS

CD # 4149 Renewal – CD # 4149 has a balance of \$60,783.47 and will mature on February 20, 2014.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Koon to allow CD #4149 to mature. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Lewis, Berridge, Fleming, Rife, Koon, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:**

OFFICER REPORTS

Council Member Berridge thanked the Maintenance Department for the snow removal and the Administration Department for helping a citizen with a leak adjustment.

Council Member Koon expressed a concern about a Council member holding two positions within the City. Koon received complaints about the Chamber of Commerce meetings being held at the local bar and some feel the Chamber should be more involved with local fund raising outside of Klear Nearly Days. Koon reported that there is a rumor going around town that the grant for the Community Center did not come through. Mayor Gladden reported that the funds have not been appropriated yet. Koon also stated that a lot of people are upset about the High School terminating the assistant football coaches and the school hiring substitutes instead of making them employees and not allowing outside help for their athletic activities. Koon met with around five citizens who think the City should go after EBH and Smoky Hill over the sewer lagoon installation.

Council Member Fleming complimented the Maintenance Department on the snow removal and how they go the extra mile.

New Council Member Lewis will get with Clerk Schmitt to get the Council information that McLemore turned in and copies of anything she may need to get up to speed.

Council Member Rife asked if the 2014 books have been closed yet and Clerk Beshears confirmed that the audit was just completed and the books will be closed once everything is finalized. Rife confirmed that the Council will receive a copy of the audit and they will then be able to decide where the carryover money is distributed.

Superintendent Gomes asked for tires for the road grader which will run just over \$4000 for 4 tires. Gomes received no response from the Council.

Gomes also reported that the broom attachment for snow removal had arrived and was attached to the mower.

Mayor Gladden stated that the City forwarding the phones in the evenings and weekends is a very good thing to do so someone can be notified when there is an emergency.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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