

**CITY OF NICKERSON  
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, February 20, 2012**

**MAYOR:** Jim Gladden

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

**EMPLOYEES**

**PRESENT:** Robin Schmitt, Phyllis Richardson, Mark Gomes, Mike Kelsey

**GUESTS:** 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, February 20, 2012 at Nickerson City Hall.

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

Mayor Gladden confirmed the backhoe which was out for repairs has been repaired and back at the City Shop.

City Clerk Schmitt could not confirm with the City attorney about the insurance bids due to the attorney being unavailable until February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Russell to approve the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Fleming, Berridge **NO:** None  
**Abstain:** Brown

Motion made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Berridge to approve the Agenda as written. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore **NO:** None

Mayor Gladden confirmed the payables total of \$26646.85.  
City Clerk Schmitt explained that the payroll expense report will now be included with the payables.

Motion to approve the February 20<sup>th</sup> payables was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member McLemore. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore, **NO:** None  
**Abstain:** Berridge, Fleming,

**CITY ATTORNEY** Stan Juhnke – Absent

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Police Vehicle Discussion:** Mayor Gladden read the motion that was made during the September 19, 2011 Council meeting pertaining to the request from Chief Kelsey requesting a commitment from the Council to allow him to purchase a new police vehicle with the diversion money. Mayor Gladden explained that the auditor stated that it would be beneficial to have any purchase such as a vehicle be documented in the minutes and that the motion made in September did not give direction to have the actual vehicle purchase approved by the Council. Discussion ensued.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to have Chief Kelsey bring three bids for the purchase of a police vehicle for Council approval. Discussion ensued and Mayor Gladden reported that he had followed up on a Federal program that Chief Kelsey had brought to his attention and had given the information to Kelsey. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell  
**NO:** None

**Brush Site Shooting Range Discussion:** The City's insurance agent recommended against setting up a shooting range at the brush site. Mayor Gladden contacted the Sheriff's Department and confirmed that the Nickerson Police can use the Hutchinson shooting range for practice and qualifying therefore the brush site in Nickerson will not set up as a shooting range.

**Ordinance Compliance Discussion:** Mayor Gladden reported there are several complaints on file and that Council Member McLemore has been assigned to some of them however he has not had time in his schedule to address them. McLemore stated he is still committed to handling the complaints that are assigned to him.

The Council discussed the pay structure and amount for the Compliance Officer and a motion was made to pay any hired Compliance Officer a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and

Council Member Koon. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell **NO:** None **Abstain:** McLemore.

Mayor Gladden confirmed that Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes would not be paid additional wages when handling complaints assigned to him since he is a regular City employee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**City Clerk Spring Conference:** City Clerk Schmitt requested approval to attend the CCMFOA Spring Conference at the Wichita Marriott hotel from March 13<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. This conference adds to the city clerk training which is required to meet certification requirements.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to send City Clerk Schmitt to the conference with expenses paid. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon, **NO:** None

**Municipal Court Clerks' Conference:** City Clerk Schmitt requested approval for Court Clerk Sims to attend the 2012 Municipal Court Clerks' Conference in Topeka on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. There are no fees for the conference and the Supreme Court will reimburse for lodging and mileage as well as a per diem for meals.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to send Court Clerk Sims to the conference and to pay any unreimbursed expenses. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, **NO:** None

**General CD #4149:** City Clerk Schmitt informed the Council that the general CD # 4149 in the amount of \$60271.56 is maturing and asked the Council direction on cashing it in or allowing it to roll over. Discussion ensued and the Council directed City Clerk Schmitt to allow the CD to roll over and to check with the bank on what the best rate options are for when the CD comes up for maturity in another six months.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Fleming to allow the CD to roll over. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, McLemore, **NO:** None

## **OFFICERS REPORT**

Council Member Berridge requested the preliminary numbers on the departments for the upcoming budget. Berridge also thanked the Maintenance Department for their quick response to an issue that came up.

Council Member Koon brought the discussion about the thank-you letter that was received from an elderly couple which the Maintenance Department employees had assisted with a flat tire. Mayor Gladden read the letter aloud.

Council showed approval of the Maintenance Departments actions and appreciated the thank-you letter which was forwarded to the Maintenance Department.

Council Member Koon reported reading in the paper about Hutchinson tearing down houses and getting paid by a Federal program for city improvement and asked if research could be done to find out if Nickerson could benefit from the program as well. Mayor Gladden will try to gather information on the program while at his monthly Mayors' meeting in Hutchinson. Koon also reported reading in the paper that the State was pulling the money for HWY 96 from South Hutchinson to Lyons.

Police Chief Kelsey would like to continue to outfit the police officers with department issued weapons and would like to purchase 6 more. The totals for the purchases include \$2864.40 for 6 weapons, \$599.94 for the weapon lights and \$689.94 for the holsters. The weapon lights are optional for the officers so lights would only be purchased for those officers requesting them. These weapons would be City owned. Discussion ensued. Chief Kelsey also reported that the light bar on the 2003 Crown Victoria needs to be replaced. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to allow Police Chief Kelsey to purchase 6 40cal. glock 22's, 6 holsters and up to 6 weapon lights if needed which would be City owned and registered with the City Clerk. Discussion ensued. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Koon and Council Member Russell. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None

Chief Kelsey will research further on the light bar for the 2003 Crown Victoria.

City Clerk Schmitt reported she received a call from Cory Henderson with the Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber will be doing the Easter Egg Hunt this year.

Mayor Gladden confirmed with Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes that the Rowex Rodent Eliminator arrived on Friday and that the backhoe has had the rebuilt engine installed and is back at the maintenance shop.

Mayor Gladden thanked the Maintenance Department for hanging the Senior Center sign. Phyllis Richardson stated the Senior Center also sent the Maintenance Department a thank-you note for hanging the sign.

Mayor Gladden reported a master calendar has been created for scheduling City employees' vacation times.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS**, motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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