

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

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 5, 2012**

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Robin Schmitt, Phyllis Richardson, Mike Kelsey

GUESTS: David Richardson, 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, March 5th, 2012 at Nickerson City Hall.

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

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to approve the February 20th, 2012 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Fleming to approve the Agenda with the following addition under New Business (3) Executive Session for 10 Minutes, Personnel. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore **NO:** None

Council Member Koon inquired about the Home Lumber purchase as to why we went outside of Reno County for purchases. Koon feels we should keep as many purchases in Reno County as possible. City Clerk Schmitt will check into why the purchase was made outside Reno County.

Motion to approve the March 5th payables was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Russell. 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 - None

NEW BUSINESS

Oil & Gas lease Request: Land Services Incorporated requested to lease the mineral interest on the water well property located at 108th and Nickerson. Mayor Gladden consulted with Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes and both recommended not leasing the mineral interest due to a possible contamination risk to the water well. Discussion ensued.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Berridge to decline the mineral lease request. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, **NO:** None

Make-a-Difference Day: Make-a-Difference Day is on May 12th this year. Mayor Gladden suggested that a Maintenance Department crew of Mark Gomes' choice be given a day off during the previous week and then asked to work on the Make-a-Difference day so the tractor with the grapple could be utilized for the clean-up. Mayor Gladden stated he received a suggestion that a sign-up sheet for volunteers and a sign-up sheet for suggested jobs needing to be done be placed at the City office. Mayor Gladden and Council member Fleming also felt the Cemetery should be included in the clean-up as well. The City will have at least one and possibly two of the large dumpsters available. Maintenance Supervisor Gomes will check into a HazMat dumpster also. Discussion ensued. The information will be placed on cable channel 7 once the sign-up sheets are ready.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to allow Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes to schedule the necessary crew members off for one day during the week and schedule the crew members for work on Saturday May 12th for the Make-a-Difference Day not to be confused with the normal two hour overtime weekend duty. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, **NO:** None

EXECUTIVE SESSION (PERSONNEL) for 10 MINUTES. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member McLemore to recess into executive session for ten minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Gladden called the meeting back to order. 7:26 p.m.

OFFICERS REPORT

Council Member Koon received inquiries from a couple of City residents about whether there had been any follow up on the town wide vote thus eliminating the three different wards for Council elections. Discussion ensued about the possibility of ending up with Council members at large due to lack of interest in running for Council. The discussion was tabled until City Attorney Stan Juhnke is able to research and give advice on if and how the change could be made.

Council Member Brown brought discussion about the 2 to 5 year olds' playground equipment. Brown would like to ask the Council to authorize the purchase of the equipment and suggested not selling the old equipment until after the new equipment has been installed to see what may or may not be good to keep of the old equipment. The Council agreed that saving and storing the old equipment would be best. The Council also was informed of Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes' suggestion to put a fence around the Water Park for safety reasons. Council Member McLemore asked about lighting the Water Park at night. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Brown made a motion to authorize the purchase of the 2 to 5 year olds' playground equipment including the rubber chip soft-fall. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member McLemore. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon, **NO:** None

A community project would most likely be planned to install the equipment since the purchase price does not include installation. Council Member Brown also asked if trash cans can be available year round at the City Park since they are currently only available during the spring and summer. The Council continued the discussion about the lighting at the Park. Mayor Gladden will consult with Maintenance Supervisor Gomes about the lighting, fence and bench cover situation.

Police Chief Kelsey reported the 2004 police vehicle was repaired for a cracked manifold. Kelsey also reported the guns previously approved for purchase have been ordered and the price came in \$63 cheaper per gun. Kelsey brought the quote requested by the council for the police vehicle light bar replacement, used would be approximately \$650 and new would be around \$750 with a warranty. Kelsey recommended purchasing the new light bar with a warranty. Kelsey reiterated the need for a new police vehicle and informed the Council of the current condition of the police vehicles. The 2002 has been stripped down, the 2004 had the cracked manifold, and the 2003 would not start during an investigation. Kelsey reported the Highway Patrol has 2009 Crown Victoria's for \$14,000, some may have hail damage, and 2010 Crown Victoria's for \$15,700. These vehicles have been retired at 49500 miles and have been kept in an

excellent maintenance routine. Discussion ensued. Council Member Berridge shared concerns about purchasing a used vehicle without a warranty. The first production run of the new police vehicles is not out yet and Chief Kelsey prefers not to purchase a first production run vehicle. The Council tabled the discussion until further research into the purchase of a newer vehicle with a warranty could be done.

Chief Kelsey also reported that they are remodeling the Police Station and painting the walls.

City Clerk Schmitt reported the budget process would be started in late May or June. Schmitt also reported that on March 12th the Auditors will be coming in to finalize the 2011 Audit and will then give their report at the March 19th Council Meeting. The insurance company will also be attending the March 19th Council meeting to present the quotes from the underwriters.

Schmitt presented the Council with information about CD rates and penalties in answer to Council Member Brown's question at the previous meeting.

Mayor Gladden informed the Council that the February 27th Zoning Hearing was rescheduled for March 26th due to the lack of a quorum at the February Zoning Hearing.

Chief Kelsey requested authorization from the Council to purchase a police vehicle light bar. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Koon to allow Chief Kelsey to purchase a new light bar with warranty for approximately \$750.00. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, **NO:** None

Mayor Gladden presented the Council with a lease amortization schedule from Reno County undersheriff Sheldon Stewart for the City of Nickerson's portion of the Police radio costs of switching to the same band the Highway Patrol uses.

Council Member McLemore requested that thank you letters and good reports from citizens about City employees be placed in the respective employee's files so the good reports are represented for evaluations as well as the bad reports.

Council Member Koon confirmed the Gilmore & Bell payable was for the sewer project bonds.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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