

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 16, 2015

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Phyllis Richardson, Mark Gomes

GUESTS: Jane Jenkins, Dan Schmitt, Sid Arpin, Vera Graber, Gary Graber,
June Gladden, Peggy Ruebke, Sissy Thimesch, Sam Ruebke, Tom
Burriss, Jane Jenkins, Karyl White

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

ROLL CALL: Berridge, Rohling, Koon, Fleming, Lewis

ABSENT: Rife,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015 at Nickerson City Hall.

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

Council Member Berridge asked that it be noted in the minutes that he voted yes for the payables at the February 16th meeting when he meant to abstain because there was a bill from Berridge's IGA.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to approve the February 16, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Lewis, Rohling, Koon, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None

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

Motion to approve the March 16, 2015 Payables was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Fleming. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Lewis, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** None
ABSTAIN: Rohling,

CITY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Peggy Ruebke addressed the Council about Klear Nearly Days on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is asking to block North Nickerson Road (Main Street) from East Railroad Avenue through Avenue B to Avenue C on that Saturday to incorporate the vendors and Berridge's where the frog and turtle races will be held. They would like to use the water hookup at the Library for the water inflatables that will be moved from the Park to downtown. Friday's events will be held in the City Park and Saturday's events will be on Main Street. Council Member Rohling thanked the Chamber for advertising the event. Peggy stated that the Chamber has a Facebook page and is adding many new events this year.

Chamber's treasurer, Tom Burris, asked the Council to consider a donation to help out with Klear Nearly Days. Clerk Schmitt will have the amount donated in the past available for the next Council meeting.

The Chamber thanked the Council for their support.

OLD BUSINESS

EMS Equipment Purchase – In July of last year, Karyl White the EMS director, asked the Council for funds to purchase equipment and the Council approved \$6000 for EMS to use for the purchase of equipment and to service the ambulance and stated they would approve another \$6000 in 2015. EMS only spent around \$2400 of that amount. Karyl discussed a quote from QuadMed for needed equipment which added up to a \$5067. EMS will also need to purchase the EpiPens at a cost of around \$100 - \$125 each.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Lewis to approve a total of \$6000 for EMS to purchase needed equipment. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Fleming, Berridge, Lewis, Rohling, **NO: Abstain:**

Council Member Fleming reminded the Council that at that same meeting in July of 2014, Karyl had spoken about having trouble getting the EMS volunteers to attend the training meetings due to the small amount of money they have to pay for meeting attendance. Right now they have a total of \$60 which is divided evenly among the members who attend the monthly meetings. Fleming asked the Council to consider increasing the amount to pay each member who attends the EMS training meetings to the same amount that the Council gets for attending the Council meetings.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Rohling to approve paying \$18 per EMS member who attends the monthly training meetings. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, Lewis, Rohling, Koon, **NO: Abstain:**

Community Center Project – Sid Arpin with BG Consultants presented the project committees recommendation for the base bid and alternates. The bids were opened last Thursday and there were four general contractors who submitted bids on the project. The base bids ranged from \$459,000 to \$706,000. The low bidder was A&A Builders, Inc. out of Hutchinson Kansas at \$459,000. The original budget established for the project when the CDGB grant was obtained was \$463,980. The suggested alternates would be in addition to the original budgeted amount. The base bid only includes sealed concrete floors for the whole building. The committee recommends doing alternates 1, 3, 4, & 5 for a total of \$14,900 in addition to the base bid. These alternates are as follows:

Alt 1: Replace the sealed concrete floor in the community room with dyed polished concrete.

Alt 3: Replace the sealed concrete floor in the kitchen with dyed polished concrete.

Alt 4: Replace the sealed concrete floor in the small meeting room with 2 x 2 carpet tile and install a 5' x 5' area of 12" x 24" ceramic floor tile at exterior door.

Alt 5: Replace the sealed concrete in the restrooms and hall with 12" x 24" ceramic floor tile.

Therefore, the committee recommends awarding the project to A & A Builders for a total project cost of \$473,900.

Council Member Berridge asked if the previously discussed access door between the Community Center and City Hall had been checked into. Sid confirmed that the grant would not allow the construction plans to include an access door between the two buildings.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Lewis to award the community center project to A & A Builders, Inc. with alternates 1, 3, 4, & 5 for a total project cost of \$473,900. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Lewis, Berridge, Fleming, Koon, **NO: Abstain:**

Sid Explained that from this point forward he will get the signed notice of award to the contractors, who will get their bonds and sign the agreement. It is usually a week to 10 day turn around for the contractors to get their bonds and to sign the agreement. At that point they will bring it back to the City for the Mayor to sign. Sid suggested that the Council make a motion at this meeting to give the Mayor authority to sign the agreement so they won't have to wait for the next Council meeting. From that point he will set a preconstruction conference two to three weeks from now and construction would start immediately after that. So we are looking at about a month from now for things to be starting at the site.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to give the Mayor authorization to sign the construction agreement as soon as it is available and ready for signatures. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, Lewis, Rohling, Koon, **NO: Abstain:**

Council Member Fleming asked when they can start the demolition and Sid stated that a notice to proceed will be issued at the preconstruction conference which will give the contractors the date they can be onsite to start work.

NEW BUSINESS

Premier Fall Protection – Per OSHA, the fall-arrest systems used at the City's water towers are required to be recertified at least one time per year. Superintendent Gomes recommends locking in a 5 year agreement with Premier Fall Protection, Inc. The agreement is for \$2327.00 for each of the first 3 years and no more than a 10% increase for years 4 & 5.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to enter into the 5 year agreement. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Rohling, Koon, Fleming, Lewis, **NO: Abstain:**

Pipeline Testing Consortium – Clerk Schmitt presented the agreement from Pipeline Testing Consortium, Inc. who does the City's random and pre-employment drug screens. Council Member Lewis suggested contacting TMHC Services, Inc. to get pricing. Clerk Schmitt asked for a special meeting to be set since the agreement is due April 4th and the next Council meeting is April 20th. Council decided to have Clerk Schmitt check on prices for the next year and agreed to accept Pipeline's agreement for this year.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Berridge to accept the Pipeline Testing Consortium agreement. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Lewis, Rohling, Koon, Fleming, Berridge, **NO: Abstain:**

Tornado Siren Maintenance – Council considered a proposal from BVPS Complete Solutions to conduct the preventative maintenance which includes replacing the batteries in the two tornado sirens. The proposal is for 8 batteries at \$118.40 each and travel and labor at \$1150.00 for a total of \$2097.20.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to accept the BVPS Complete Solutions proposal for the tornado siren maintenance and battery replacement. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Koon, Rohling, Lewis, **NO: Abstain:**

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Rohling – thanked the Chamber of Commerce for putting together the Klear Nearly event.

Berridge – also thanked the Chamber and thanked the maintenance crew for the snow removal. Thanked the Community Center Project Committee for their hard work over the last couple of years.

Fleming – commented on how the Chamber is doing much better this year and how they have increased their membership and is doing an excellent job.

Sissy Thimesch invited everyone to attend the Chamber meetings which are held the 2nd Thursday of every month.

Lewis – confirmed that the Pet Clinic will be held on March 28th at the maintenance building.

Mayor Gladden – agreed with everyone about how well the Chamber is doing. The Make-a-Difference day group has met and decided to have Make-a-Difference day in the fall this year. There will not be a spring Make-a-Difference day.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Lewis to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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