

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 17, 2014

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Mark Gomes, Robin Schmitt, April Beshears

GUESTS: Michelle McCarty, Dan Schmitt, Marvin Nisly, Jeff Fawcett

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

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

ABSENT:

TARDY: Berridge,

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

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

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

Council Member Rife added Part Time Help discussion under New Business. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Fleming to approve the Agenda with the addition of #3 under New Business: Part Time Help discussion. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Rife, Koon, Rohling, Lewis, **NO:**

Council Member Berridge arrived to the meeting.

Council Member Lewis requested a report showing the budget amount and showing what accounts each of these bills are paid from and the ending balances.

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

CITY ATTORNEY Stan Juhnke

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Michelle McCarty brought information about the Nickerson High School After Prom Color Me Fun Run and invited the Council to join the fun as "Team Council."

OLD BUSINESS

Road Grader Tire Replacement – Council reviewed 3 quotes for grader tires. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Koon to approve the purchase of 4 grader tires at Mark's discretion. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, Lewis, Rohling, **NO:** None

NEW BUSINESS

Trash & Recycle Service - The current contract with Stutzman for trash and recycle service is expiring and Nisly Brothers, Inc. requested an opportunity to bid for the trash and recycle service in Nickerson. For that reason the two companies submitted bids.

Stutzman Refuse Disposal – Jeff Fawcett with Stutzman presented a proposal for trash & recycle service in response to a request for proposal from the City of Nickerson.

Nisly Brothers, inc. – Marvin Nisly and Steve Ellingboe presented a proposal for trash and recycle service in response to a request for proposal from the City of Nickerson.

Part-Time Help Discussion – Council Member Rife asked if there has been any discussion about hiring part-time summer help for this year. Mayor Gladden and Superintendent Gomes confirmed that there is no plans to hire part-time summer help for 2014.

OFFICER REPORTS

Council Member Rohling thanked the Maintenance Department for doing an amazing job of cleaning the streets.

Council Member Rife noticed the lagoon aerators were back in the center of the lagoon and Superintendent Gomes confirmed that they had come loose from their moorings and the men who were in the lagoon in the flat bottom boat had them reattached and working.

Council Member Berridge thanked the City crew for using the new broom on Main Street for cleaning the curbs and gutters and Berridge feels the purchase of the new mower and broom was a good investment that will save time and money for the City.

Council Member Koon reported receiving several complaints about the Chamber of Commerce not doing anything to benefit or bring new business to the City of Nickerson. Koon stated that if anyone is interested in joining the Chamber, they should go down and sign up. Council Member Lewis asked what the issues are and she is planning on attending the next Chamber meeting.

Council Member Koon also reported that a committee who is conducting research had their kickoff meeting to try and recoup some of the money lost on the lagoon project. They are trying to locate a lawyer that is not located in Reno or McPherson counties who would be willing to look over the information and figure out if the statutes of limitations have run out.

Council Member Fleming complimented the City crew on cleaning the roads and likes how the new broom attachment works.

Council Member Lewis asked for copies of anything pending that the Council is or was dealing with before she was on the Council. Lewis thanked April for the Court report.

Council Member Lewis asked if a building permit was issued for the work being done on the house across from the Kwik Shop. Clerk Schmitt reported that there is a building permit and the inspections are being done. Superintendent Gomes also reported that the work is meeting the International Building Code requirements but the work is being done somewhat in reverse but the foundation is going in.

City Clerk Schmitt reported that she brought back a lot of good information from the CCMFOA Spring Conference and that the time and money was well spent. Clerk Schmitt also thanked the Council for allowing her to go to the conference.

Mayor Gladden asked if anyone has engineering skills who could assist in designing a windshield for the mower when it is being used with the broom attachment for removing snow because the driver gets covered in very fine wet snow.

The Council set up a workshop on Tuesday, March 25th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the chicken situation and the two trash and recycle proposals.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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