

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 20, 2017

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

COUNCIL: Jon Rohling – President, Brad Berridge, Trent Gilbert, Angela Richard, Jane Jenkins, Angela Cottrell

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

ROLL CALL: Berridge, Rohling, Gilbert, Richard, Cottrell

ABSENT: Jenkins,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017 at Nickerson City Hall.

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

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to approve the February 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Cottrell, Rohling, Gilbert, Richard, Berridge **NO:** None

Mayor Gladden requested to add a discussion about the community garden under New Business.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Cottrell to approve the Agenda with the addition of the community garden discussion - #3 New Business. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Richard, Gilbert, Rohling, Cottrell **NO:** None

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Cottrell and Council Member Rohling to approve the March 20, 2017 Payables. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Richard, Gilbert, Rohling, Cottrell, Berridge, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:**

CITY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Daniel Hrabe addressed the Council with concerns about vehicles not stopping at the stop signs and hot rodding, especially at the intersection of Speare and Avenue A. Hrabe also stated that his mailbox has almost been hit three times and he saw a kid almost get hit. Council Member Rohling asked if he has called the sheriff and he said he has but they can't do anything unless they see it. Hrabe said he has gone to the school and talked to Dawn Johnson because the kids playing ball are just as bad. He is always out there playing ball with his dog and it is dangerous to be outside with the way the kids act and Dawn told him he could take his dog to the ball diamond where it is safe. Also, when there are ball games people park on both sides of the street so if an emergency vehicle needed to get through, it couldn't. People are driving onto his yard to make U-turns. He said he is tired of it. He stated that Dawn Johnson also told him that they could put a stop to the kids driving to the ball field, that they would have to leave their cars at the school and walk to the ball diamond or they could move the game somewhere else like back at the school or something. Hrabe said the principal of the school told him there wasn't anything he could do and that they have problems with the kids hot rodding in the parking lot and Hrabe told him it was a school function and they should be able to do something about it. Even the adults are hot-rodding and with the park, walking path and ball diamond and kids and people walking their dogs and not paying attention someone will get hit. Hrabe also told a story of witnessing a kid getting hit on his bike and killed when he lived in Colorado. Council thanked him for bringing the issue to their attention and said they will speak with Dawn Johnson and check into the issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Lagoon Renovation Report – Don Heller with EBH gave an update on the lagoon renovation. The plans and specs are completed and have been submitted to KDHE for review. The plans show the two new cells on the west side of the lagoons. They will tie into the discharge structure on the southwest corner of cell three and connect to cell four. Cell four will be lined to block seepage and once it is full, anything that comes out of it will go into cell five. Cell five will not have any sealant to it at all so the water will go into the ground. If cell five gets full which should not happen but just in case, the water will then overflow to the discharge box and back to the river. If a discharge does need to happen, KDHE is ok with it. Don is hoping to open bids on April 27th; if KDHE gets done reviewing the plans in the next week or so. That is a tentative schedule since he does not know how long KDHE will take to review the plans and the project must be advertised for 30 days. The project should be done sometime in the middle to end of summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Chamber of Commerce Membership – The Chamber of Commerce sent a request to renew the City's membership. Dues are \$25.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Cottrell to renew the Chamber of Commerce membership. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Gilbert, Richard, Berridge, Cottrell, Rohling, **NO: Abstain:**

Fireworks Ordinance Discussion – Mayor Gladden asked the Council to review the fireworks ordinance and the times fireworks are allowed because he gets calls from people whose dogs are upset by the fireworks. Mayor Gladden reminded Clerk Schmitt to contact the fire chief, Bobby White, about the fireworks stands when they need inspections.

Community Garden – Linda Birney wishes to put in a community garden on City property in-between the well house and Jake Burgess' house and requests the City to donate the water for the garden.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Cottrell to approve the community garden and to donate the water for the garden. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Cottrell, Rohling, Gilbert, Richard, **NO: Abstain:**

OFFICER REPORTS

Cottrell – wants to express her appreciation to the community firefighters who worked so hard fighting the fires to keep not only our community but everyone else's community safe as well.

Rohling – thanked the firefighters. Thanked the maintenance crew and the office girls for their work. Has received comments on how fast the sheriff's department gets to Nickerson.

Berridge – thanked the city crew for the new culverts on Avenue G that will help fix the flooding problems. Thanked the girls in the office since they had a rough week last week.

Richard – expanded on what Cottrell said about the firefighters and thinks it is great how the communities came together to help After Prom replace everything they lost in the fire. Believes the high school is taking donations to help the family that lost their prom dress. It's great to hear some positive among so much negative.

Clerk Schmitt – reminded the council members that are up for election to let her know if they are planning on running for re-election or not. Reported that the

Reno County Leadership Group rented the Community Center and sent seven thank-you notes praising the facility and thanking the City for a wonderful place to hold their event. Also stated that the sound dampening panels are making a huge difference in the noise level in the Community Center. Reported that the soffit outside the Community Center is loose and that Larry with A&A Builders is sending someone to fix it under warranty. Mayor Gladden asked if the lock is being fixed and Larry is sending Pat's Key and Lock to look at it. The locks at the Community Center have been a problem and will need to be addressed.

Mayor Gladden – thanked Mark and the crew for their work and mentioned how well April is doing taking care of the maintenance department paperwork and assisting them when needed. Reported that the brush site is closed until there is some moisture and the brush that is there can be burned.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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