

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 21, 2016

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,

ABSENT: Jenkins, Cottrell

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2016 at Nickerson City Hall.

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

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Gilbert to approve the February 15, 2016 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Gilbert, Richard, Berridge, **NO:** None

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

Motion to approve the March 21, 2016 Payables was made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Gilbert. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Richard, Gilbert, Rohling, Berridge, **NO:** None

ABSTAIN:

CITY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Tom Burris, the Charter Organization representative for the Scouts, introduced Peggy Ruebke, Cub Scout Master and Brent Ruebke, Boy Scout Master to update the Council of the scouting events. Brent thanked the Council for the use of the Community Center for the Scouts. June 19 – 25 the boys will go to Camp Cedars in Nebraska for summer camp. They will be holding fundraisers to help with the cost. The Cub Scouts will be going to a CSI camp in

Derby Kansas. The Scouts have gained a lot of new kids this year. The Scouts have been doing the flag ceremony outside of the Post Office and have received a lot of positive comments. There will be an Eagle Scout project coming up that involves the city park and the scout doing the project will be asking permission from the Council.

Peggy Ruebke addressed the Council on behalf of the Nickerson Chamber of Commerce and reported that the Easter egg hunt is this Saturday at 10 am at the City Park and is open to anyone 12 years and under. The Klear Nearly Days button contest is over and there were 94 entries this year for designing the button. The Chamber thanked the City for assisting in getting ready for Klear Nearly Days.

OLD BUSINESS

Walking Trail Grant Update – Clerk Schmitt reported that the bid request has been published. The bids must be in by April 15th, 2016. Letters of support are still needed. Clerk Schmitt asked the Council what amount the gift card to The Alley should be for the winner of the trail naming contest.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to award a gift card to The Alley in the amount of \$100 to the winner of the trail naming contest. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Gilbert, Richard, Berridge, Rohling, **NO:** **Abstain:**

Zoning Meeting Training Update – Council Member Richard gave an update on the Zoning meeting training for the Zoning Commission and elected officials. The main purpose of the Zoning Commission is to recommend action to the Council except for zoning approvals which do not require Council action. Zoning sets the stage for how a community will develop. They discussed the zoning of the 3-mile radius around Nickerson and currently the County is not zoning that area, therefore, Nickerson should consider including that area in the zoning update process. Currently, homes with trash and debris in the yards that are outside the City limits but within the 3-mile radius, cannot be declared nuisances. The options would be to get the City attorney involved and try to have it declared a junk yard or to have it declared a health hazard. All of which would have to be proven.

Nickerson's population is aging and decreasing. The Zoning Board was asked by John Riggs to select a target population for 2035 to determine a plan of action for the community for the zoning update.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Fair Housing Proclamation – Mayor Gladden proclaimed the month of April as Fair Housing Month. Mayor Gladden read the proclamation which will be on file at City Hall.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to approve the 2016 Fair Housing Proclamation. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Rohling, Gilbert, Richard, **NO: Abstain:**

Nickerson Chamber of Commerce Membership and Donation – Council renewed the City's Chamber membership and donated \$200 to Klear Nearly Days.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Richard to renew the City's Chamber membership for \$25 and donate \$200 to Klear Nearly Days. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Berridge, Richard, Gilbert, **NO: Abstain:**

1% Sales Tax – The current 1% City sales tax will expire in March of 2017. Council needs to decide if they wish to ask the voters to extend the sales tax for another 5 years and if so, what would the funds be used for. Due to the absence of two Council members and the need for more in depth discussion, Council tabled the topic and asked Clerk Schmitt to schedule a workshop.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Gilbert and Council Member Berridge to table the 1% sales tax discussion and to schedule a workshop. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Gilbert, Rohling, Richard, **NO: Abstain:**

OFFICER REPORTS

Berridge – commented on how nice the new Community Center parking lot and rail looks. Thanked the girls for a good job in the City office.

Rohling – also commented on the Community Center parking lot and thanked the Boy Scouts for everything they do and for growing the organization.

Gilbert – thanked Amber Rohling and the ladies in the City office for their work on the walking trail grant.

Richard – also thanked Amber Rohling for the work she is doing on the grant. Thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their work on the Easter Egg Hunt and stated the hunt gets better and better every year.

Clerk Schmitt – reported that the kitchen counter in the Community Center was repaired under warranty. The Nickerson High School after Prom committee thanked the Council for the donation. The bill to the high school shop class for the Council table was paid and they will be getting started on the utility desk next. Reported that the last meeting pay of the 1st quarter for the Council will be paid in the 2nd quarter due to the council meeting falling after the last payroll in March.

Mayor Gladden – reported that the sliding door between the kitchen and recreation room in the Community Center needs to be repaired. Superintendent Gomes reported to the Mayor that the new crew member, Tyler, is fitting in very well and doing a great job.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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