

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 1, 2013

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Mark Gomes, Robin Schmitt, Phyllis Richardson

GUESTS: Brian Rife, Joyce Beam, David Richardson

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

ROLL CALL: Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, McLemore

ABSENT: Berridge,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2013 at Nickerson City Hall.

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

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Russell to approve the March 18, 2013 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Russell to approve the Agenda with the following addition: under New Business add Executive Session, Personnel, for 5 minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore, **NO:** None

Council Member McLemore asked if the Community Center property purchase was complete and Clerk Schmitt reported that the deed was at the attorney's office for the Goldings to sign. Clerk Schmitt will check to see if they have signed the deed and picked up the check.

Motion to approve the April 1, 2013 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member McLemore. Motion carried by the

following vote: **YES:** Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore, Fleming, **NO:** None
ABSTAIN:

CITY ATTORNEY Stan Juhnke – Absent

Mayor Gladden extended condolences to the Danser family and friends from the City elected officials and employees. He also stated that George Danser is on the ballot for the position of Council member for Ward 2 and that the City Clerk contacted the County Clerk to see if his name could be removed from the ballot. The County Clerk stated the ballots had already been printed and that altering the ballots would be illegal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS

Dog Park Discussion – A request for a dog park was submitted by Marah Hawkins. The insurance company said there would be no additional premiums should a dog park be added. The insurance company recommended putting up a disclaimer sign. Council Member Russell asked what a dog park is and Superintendent Gomes explained it is a fenced in area with a lawn area for the dogs to play together. Bags would be provided for the dog owners to clean up after their dogs. Discussion ensued. Council Member Brown volunteered to head up a committee to research the place and cost for a dog park.

Damaged Police Department Computers Discussion – The Council reviewed the information received from the City Attorney and Kelsey and the research information provided by Clerk Sims. Brown recommends proceeding with action against Kelsey due to the liability he has caused to the City. Mayor Gladden stated that the City does not really know what happened with the hard drives since no one was able to witness the action taken by Kelsey. Discussion ensued. Council Member McLemore stated that if there was liability to the City that the attorney would have stated so in his letter. Brown stated he feels the City Attorney has not done the City a good job in the past and also does not feel the City Attorney has done a good job with this issue. Mayor Gladden will check with his son-in-law who is the head of the Highway Patrol to see if the City does or does not have any liability.

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION (PERSONNEL) for 5 MINUTES. Motion made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Russell to recess into executive session for 5 minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Gladden called the meeting back to order. 7:27 p.m.

OFFICERS REPORT

Council Member Koon stated that he wants to express his feelings about the possible out-going Council members; that if the Council loses any current members that they would not be going in the right direction. Koon hopes that when people vote that they consider all the stuff that they have been working on for the City. Koon wishes Brad, Skip and Dale good luck at the polls tomorrow.

Council Member Fleming confirmed that the new Council will be sworn in after Old Business and before New Business at the next Council meeting.

Council Member McLemore confirmed that the informational letter on grants that they received in their packets would be something he could forward to the Community Center Committee. Council Member Brown asked that the Committee also consider the grant writer the City has used in the past as well.

Council Member Koon asked if the Council needed to make a decision about the letters from Mr. Gregg and Clerk Schmitt stated that they were put in the packets for information only. The Council has already made decisions on the case in previous meetings.

City Clerk Schmitt reported that she spoke with Kevin Abbott at the High School and he said the band room or the auditorium would be available for a Town Hall meeting. The Council wishes to wait until the new Council is seated before setting a date for a Town Hall meeting.

Mayor Gladden reported that the new off switch for the Tornado Siren has been installed and the switch was tested earlier today.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Brown to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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