

**CITY OF NICKERSON  
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, April 2, 2012**

**MAYOR:** Jim Gladden

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

**EMPLOYEES**

**PRESENT:** Robin Schmitt, Phyllis Richardson, Mark Gomes, Rick Sims

**GUESTS:** Mel Valentine

**ATTORNEY:** Stan Juhnke

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

**ABSENT:**

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2012 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 Russell to approve the March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Fleming to approve the Agenda as written. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore **NO:** None

Motion to approve the April 2<sup>nd</sup> payables was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member McLemore. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** None

**CITY ATTORNEY** Stan Juhnke – Absent

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Mr. Mel Valentine addressed the Council to request permission to remove the sidewalk at a home he is planning on purchasing here in Nickerson. The sidewalk is in disrepair and is unsafe and Mr. Valentine would like to know what will be expected from him by the City concerning the sidewalk before he commits to purchasing the home since by Ordinance the homeowner is responsible for repairing and replacing the sidewalk. The home is a corner lot with approximately 300 feet of sidewalk. The Council discussed the situation.

Council Member Brown made a motion to allow the Nickerson City residents to remove damaged sidewalks on their property with the Council's approval and once the City secures funding for the sidewalks the residents will then be required to participate in their portion of the cost of replacing the removed sidewalks. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Berridge. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, **NO:** None

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

## **OFFICERS REPORT**

Council Member McLemore brought 2 requests from Chief Kelsey.

The first was asking approval to purchase a Police vehicle light bar for \$1285.00. This is in place of the original request of \$750.00 due to the low quality of the lesser expensive light bar. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Koon to allow Chief Kelsey to purchase a Police vehicle light bar for \$1285.00. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, **NO:** None

The second was the Police vehicle purchase. McLemore confirmed the original plan was to allow Chief Kelsey to look into a used Highway Patrol vehicle (with 50,000 miles or less) this year to replace the two older Police vehicles the City currently owns and then the Council could budget for a new car next year. Discussion ensued. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Brown to allow Chief Kelsey to look into purchasing a used Highway Patrol vehicle which will be brought to Council for final approval. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon, **NO:** None

McLemore reported Chief Kelsey will bring the bids for the cells phones to the next meeting.

Council Member Fleming confirmed the continuation of the 1% sales tax starts in May and will be disbursed in July.

Maintenance Supervisor Gomes asked the Council to approve the purchase of new street signs which will be required by 2013 in the amount of \$5831.95 utilizing the funds from the Special Highway fund. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member McLemore to approve the purchase. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, **NO:** None

Maintenance Supervisor Gomes also asked the Council's approval to purchase a 4 foot chain link fence with a top rail for the Water Park. Gomes brought bids for \$2283.00 and \$1637.00 and stated both fences are the same and includes installation. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Russell to allow the purchase of the fence for the bid of \$1637.00. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, McLemore, **NO:** None

Utility Clerk Sims reported to the Council that Mr. Bass requested the return of his check for the Zoning variance request since he has sold the property and no longer needs the variance. The Council decided to keep the check and use it to pay for the 2 hearing publications and have the remainder applied to his water bill. A clarification will be drawn up to address the issue in the future. Sims also informed the Council that a sewer only customer is again behind on his utility bill by 2 months and letters are being sent to the customer and the landlord giving them until the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month to bring the bill current or the City will disconnect them from the sewer line. Sims reported on his Court Clerk Conference in Topeka and stated it was very educational.

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

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