

**CITY OF NICKERSON  
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, April 7, 2014**

**MAYOR:** Jim Gladden

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

**EMPLOYEES**

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

**GUESTS:** Kristi Rohling, John Murphy, Tapatha Strickler, George deNobriga,  
Sheila Berridge, Alycen Berridge, Teresa Rife, Michelle McCarty,  
Torianna McCarty, Dan Schmitt, Terry George, D'ana Heinlein,  
Lynnie Krehbiel, Owen Krehbiel, Addison Krehbiel, Matt Engelland,  
Karson Engelland, Denae Engelland

**ATTORNEY:** Stan Juhnke

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

**ABSENT:**

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014 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 Koon to approve the March 17, 2014 Minutes with the following changes; clarify the committee is not the Council under Council Member Koon's officer report. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Lewis, Rohling, Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None

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

Council Member Rife requested a clarification be given for the credit card payables in the future. Council Member Lewis also reported that she has report

samples from Kristy Rohling, from the school, which she would like to have the City Clerk use for the payables that she will share with Clerk Schmitt.

Motion to approve the April 7, 2014 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Fleming. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Koon, Rohling, Lewis, , Fleming, **NO:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Berridge

After the vote on the payables, Council Member Lewis stated that she knew Berridge abstained because there was a payable from IGA in the payables but she wants to have a vote with the one payable pulled out and voted on separately because she would like to see him vote on all the rest of it. Berridge stated that he has always done it that way and Lewis asked, but how do we know how he feels about the rest of it. Mayor Gladden pointed out that majority rules and to ask Berridge how he feels if she wants to know.

**CITY ATTORNEY** Stan Juhnke: In attendance but no comment made.

Mayor Gladden asked the Council to change the order of the agenda because of the amount of people in the audience interested in the Bike/Walking Path item.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to reverse the order by moving the New Business ahead of the Old Business. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, Lewis, Rohling, **NO:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Michelle McCarty wanted to publicly thank the Senior Center and Mayor Gladden for handing out water at the NHS Color Run last Saturday. NHS is having an After Prom fundraiser and Freddy's Steakburgers is participating by giving a percentage of every purchase on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 9 p.m. Michelle also reported that Kid's Crossing at the Methodist Church is having a carnival on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8 p.m.

Sheila Berridge stated her support for the Bike/Walking path.

John Murphy stated support of passing the ordinance which would allow chickens in the city limits.

Addison Krehbiel & Karlee Theede made a short presentation with a photo board showing their support and reasons for needing the Bike/Walking path.

Tapatha Strickler showed support for allowing chickens in the city limits.

Torianna & William McCarty showed support of the chicken ordinance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Nickerson Elementary School Bike/Walk path** – Amber Rohling, D'ana Heinlein, and Terry George gave an overview of the goal and vision for the Bike/Walk path and a report of where they are with the project. The Sunflower Foundation has awarded a grant in the amount of \$15,000 toward the path and since then they have raised an additional \$7000. \$2000 has been donated from the Nickerson PTO, and Engelland Construction has pledged \$1500 of in kind work toward the project. Therefore, they have \$25,200 to put toward the \$47,073 total cost. The path will be a sustainable, low maintenance, concrete trail going around the back perimeter of the school totaling .375 miles. The vision is for this to be continued into a trail that goes down Main Street and around the City Park. They would appreciate any donation of any kind but want the Council to remember that this donation will be for a project that will benefit the entire community. Discussion ensued and the Council showed interest in supporting the project and will review the City finances in order to help with the project.

**Demolition Bids** – Bids from W.R. Packebush (\$9890.00) and Mitzner's Bobcat and Trenching (\$14,325.00) were presented to the Council for tearing down the home and clearing the lot at 305 W Ave B.

Council tabled the discussion in order to give the owner a chance to sell the property rather than spend tax payer money on the cleanup.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Koon to table the discussion on demolishing the home at 305 W Ave B. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, Lewis, Rohling, Koon, Rife, **NO:** None

**Street Crack & Seal Proposal** – Superintendent Gomes presented a proposal comparing the cost of Circle C Paving and Construction and the Maintenance crew doing the work of street repairs in various locations. The difference was \$415 if the maintenance crew could work undisturbed for a week straight. The funds will come from the Special Highway Fund which is not supported by the mill levy.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to accept the proposal of Circle C Paving at a cost of \$11880.00. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Lewis, Berridge, Fleming, Rife, Koon, **NO:** None

**Prom & Graduation Radio Ads** – Clerk Schmitt presented an ad package for prom and graduation for the local radio stations. Council chose to continue donating to the After Prom fund raiser instead.

**KMU Voting Delegates** - Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to select Clerk Schmitt and Superintendent Gomes as the voting and alternate delegates for the Kansas

Municipal Utilities for 2014. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, Lewis, Rohling, Koon, Rife, **NO:** None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Executive Session, Legal, 15 Minutes** – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Lewis to go into executive session for legal for 15 minutes. Motion carried by show of hands.

Council went into executive session at 7:41 p.m.

Mayor Gladden called the meeting back to order at 7:56 p.m.

**Trash & Recycle Contract** – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Rohling enter into a 7 year contract with Stutzman Refuse for trash and recycle service. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Lewis, Rohling, Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None

**Ordinance 2014-01** – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Koon to adopt Ordinance 2014-01 pertaining to the harboring of chickens within the city limits of Nickerson, KS. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Koon, Rohling, Gladden **NO:** Fleming, Rife, Lewis,

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

Council Member Koon has again received complaints that the Chamber of Commerce has only three members and they do not pay dues and the Chamber is not promoting the City. Council Members Lewis and Koon are planning on attending the next Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Council Member Berridge asked the Council members to drive by Clough and Washington to see if a request for a stop sign at that intersection would be a good idea.

Berridge thanked the crew for cleaning the streets and the new mower broom attachment is fabulous.

Berridge also thanked the Office crew for keeping the office clean and cleaning the carpet themselves.

Clerk Schmitt reported that there will be a purchase on the next credit card bill for \$98 for a carpet cleaning machine.

Berridge also stated that he was approached about the all season street banners and asked the Council to be thinking about whether or not they want to put them back up.

Council Member Rife asked if the garage that used to house the police vehicles is being utilized at this time. Rife stated that it is the last police item and if it isn't going to be used then the Council should sell it. Mayor Gladden asked if the

Council had any objection to the Maintenance Department using the garage as storage for equipment; they did not, therefore, he directed Superintendent Gomes to utilize the garage.

Council Member Rife asked the Council to be thinking about having a workshop to discuss the water rate review which shows a \$50,000 deficit in the water revenue.

Rife stated that each department head should have a Capital Outlay plan in order to plan for the next budget year.

Rife asked for the health insurance contract renewal date and how much the insurance increase is.

Council Member Rohling said the City crew is doing a good job on the streets and the cemetery is looking good as well.

Council Member Lewis wants to see the Council move forward on helping with the Elementary School Walking/Bike path.

Mayor Gladden reported that the 2004 Crown Victoria sold on April 1<sup>st</sup> through PurpleWave in the amount of \$2145.00

Gladden stated that he will get with Clerk Schmitt to figure out a date for a workshop for the Council to discuss the water rate review and the walking/bike path.

Mayor Gladden mentioned there was damage done at the cemetery. Superintendent Gomes will check on the situation.

Mayor Gladden asked Superintendent Gomes if he made contact with Mike McLemore pertaining to the restrooms at the ball diamond. Mike was needing the electricity turned on and paper products. Mark and Clerk Schmitt have handled the situation.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS**, motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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