

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 21, 2014

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Robin Schmitt, Phyllis Richardson

GUESTS:

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

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

ABSENT: Berridge,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2014 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 Rife to approve the March 17, 2014 Minutes with the following changes; Change Kristy Rohling to Amber Rohling under New Business – Nickerson Elementary School Bike/Walk path. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Lewis, Rohling, Koon, Rife, Fleming, **NO:** None

Council Member Lewis asked to add an executive session for legal under Old Business. Clerk Schmitt reminded the Council that the attorney must be present in order to have an executive session for legal. Mayor Gladden stated that the attorney can be at any meeting if the request is given to the Clerk ahead of time.

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

Council Member Rife confirmed the payable to Ruben Garcia was for two months. Council Member Rife also explained to Council Member Lewis that Ruben Garcia is the EMS medical advisor. Council Member Fleming confirmed that the payable to EMC Insurance was for the entire year's premiums.

Motion to approve the April 21, 2014 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Rohling. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Koon, Rohling, Lewis, Fleming, **NO:** None

ABSTAIN:

CITY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS

Washington Street/Clough Street Stop Sign – Council Member Berridge received a request from a resident for a stop sign at that intersection. Council tabled the decision until more information could be gathered from the residents, City Superintendent, and Council Member Berridge.

All Season Street Banners – Council discussed hanging the all season street banners. Council directed Clerk Schmitt to research the cost of new banners and brackets because the old banners do not stay up very well in the wind.

NEW BUSINESS

Governmental Suites Software – Clerk Schmitt requested approval to change from Fund Accounting 2 and Thoroughbred to Governmental Suites. Clerk Schmitt submitted a report, recommendations, and cost savings information on the software. Council Member Rife and Council Member Lewis want to do more research.

OFFICER REPORTS

Council Member Rife has asked that Superintendent Gomes check into a vacant mobile home at Burr and Avenue G. Residents in the area are concerned about an unsafe structure that may be harboring animals.

Rife asked for the health insurance contract renewal date and it is up on 1/1/2016. There has been no increase in premiums for 2014.

Rife has heard the City of Hoisington has a tax incentive for homeowners who spend more than \$5000 for home improvements and if the value is raised by 5%, then they get so many years tax break. Clerk Schmitt will check into how that incentive is setup so the Council can consider the incentive for Nickerson.

Council Member Rohling wants the Council to keep the Nickerson Elementary Grade School bike/walking path in mind.

The Council wants to add the walking trail to the workshop that will be scheduled in May in order to discuss the finances.

Council Member Lewis requested a municipal court docket for this month.

Council Member Fleming confirmed that the status of the condemning process at 305 W. Ave B is still on hold.

Council Member Koon asked to have a dead dog removed out by the City limit sign.

Koon also received several thanks for passing the chicken ordinance.

Mayor Gladden directed Clerk Schmitt to display the new Community Center drawing in the City office.

Gladden thanked Casey for his maintenance report.

Gladden reported that Nickerson is ahead of Sterling in maintaining and preparing the City Park for spring.

The Cemetery damage that was reported at a previous meeting was checked out by Superintendent Gomes and it did not appear to be vandalism.

Mayor Gladden met with Cory and Teresa and explained that the City Council has nothing to do with the Chamber of Commerce. Council Member Lewis stated that she is attending meetings for the Chamber and the Recreation Commission to find out if there is anything they need and to keep communication open.

Koon reported that Sissy had asked if she could use the property next to the City Office for the fireworks stand and he told her Brad Berridge owns it.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Rohling to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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