

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 5, 2014

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: April Beshears, Phyllis Richardson, Mark Gomes

GUESTS: Chuck Beth, Hutch Moshier, Scot Loyd, Gary Graver, Vera Graber,
Michelle McCarty

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

ROLL CALL: Berridge, Rife, Fleming, Lewis

ABSENT: Rohling, Koon,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014 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 Lewis to approve the April 21, 2014 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Lewis, Rife, Fleming, Berridge **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Lewis and Council Member Fleming to approve the Agenda with an executive session for Personnel for 15 minutes before Old Business. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Rife, Lewis, **NO:**

Council Member Rife confirmed the payable for the Water Park backflow system repair was paid out of maintenance commodities and the MAYOR Specialties payable for the sewer line video was to find out what is the matter with the sewer line. Superintendent Gomes stated that shots of the video will be shared with the Council at an upcoming workshop. Council Member Berridge inquired as to why the backflow repair for the Water Park wasn't paid out of the

1% sales tax fund. Rife stated that there is no maintenance line setup in the 1% sales tax fund.

Motion to approve the May 5, 2014 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Lewis, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** None

ABSTAIN:

CITY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Gary Graber inquired about the status of the safe room at the Nickerson Elementary School. Mayor Gladden reported that it is open and that June Gladden and Roy Lewis have a key. Gary asked that the information be put on channel 7.

Executive Session, Personnel, 15 Minutes – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Lewis and Council Member Fleming to go into executive session for personnel for 15 minutes. Motion carried by show of hands.

Council went into executive session at 7:14 p.m.

Mayor Gladden called the meeting back to order at 7:29 p.m.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Lewis and Council Member Fleming directing the Mayor to give a written reprimand to the City Clerk for comments made in the meeting notes about the accounting and utility software. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Rife, Lewis, **NO:** Berridge,

OLD BUSINESS

Washington Street/Clough Street Stop Sign – Mayor Gladden asked if Council Member Lewis had a report from the citizens in the Washington/Clough Street area about wanting a stop sign. Lewis stated she did not say she was going to visit with the citizens and that she thought the Council was going to talk to people in the area. Lewis also stated she thought the Mayor was going to get with Berridge to find out who asked for the stop sign. Berridge confirmed it was Betty and PeeWee Wyer and that they wanted it to slow the traffic down. Berridge stated he will speak with Betty and some of the people in the area. The Council tabled the discussion.

All Season Street Banners – Council reviewed the cost report for the all season banners and the Mayor confirmed there are 10 poles for the banners. Berridge stated that the wind was blowing the old banners down because there are no air holes in them. Discussion ensued. Berridge will bring the banners in for the Council to see. The Council tabled the discussion until then.

Governmental Suite Software – Council tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

Community Center Grant Information – Chuck Beth, the grant administrator, reported that Nickerson has received a CDBG grant in the amount of \$267,500 which is half of the estimated cost for assistance in building a community center. The other half of the cost will be covered by the 1% sales tax. The City has 24 months in which to design, bid and build the community center. Chuck then gave a quick run-down of the next steps in the process and explained policies and requirements.

The city auditor, Scot Loyd asked if the grant is a reimbursement grant or a draw-down grant. Chuck said it is a reimbursement grant. Scot explained that the City cannot get a construction loan, it will have to get temporary notes or spend out of the money already collected in the 1% sales tax fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit Report – Scot Loyd with Swindol, Janzen, Hawk, & Loyd, gave the 2013 Audit report and went over the financial statements. Scot reported that the audit information and the financial statements are in compliance.

City Appointments – Mayor Gladden made the following appointments:

City Clerk – Robin Schmitt

Utility/Court Clerk – April Beshears

City Attorney – Stan Juhnke

City Judge – Larry Bolton

City Treasurer – Phyllis Richardson

City Inspector – Mark Gomes

EMS Director – Karyl White

Recreation Commission Director – Dave Young (Mayor stated he will let the recreation commission set Dave's wage)

Official City Newspaper – Sterling Bulletin

Official City Bank – Peoples Bank & Trust

Council Member Responsibilities:

Administration – Jimmie Gladden

Maintenance – Brad Berridge & Jim Koon

Cemetery & Parks – Jon Rohling & Brian Rife

EMS – Lynnette Lewis & Linda Fleming

Planning and Zoning

Kenneth Burgess

Gordon Roth

Aryn Hedrick

Bob Mildren

Pat Henke

Joyce Beam

June Gladden

Recreation Commission

Michelle McCarty – 1 year

Eddie Koon – 3 years

Chris Young – 2 years

Phyllis Richardson – 4 years

Community Center Committee

Mike McLemore - Chair

Gary Graber

Linda Fleming

June Gladden

Brian Rife

Motion to approve the appointments was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Lewis. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Lewis, Berridge, Fleming, Rife, **NO:** None

Ordinance 2014-02 - Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Fleming to adopt Ordinance 2014-02 pertaining to trash service for residents and commercial users in Nickerson. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, Lewis, Rife, **NO:**

Tax Relief Transfer - Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife to transfer \$7506.00 from the 1% Sales Tax fund to the General fund for tax relief. Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Berridge, Rife, Fleming, Lewis, **NO:**

Workshop – A workshop to discuss the Elementary School Walking Path and the City sewer lines was scheduled for Tuesday, May 13th at 7:15 p.m.

OFFICER REPORTS

Council Member Rife asked to have the portable toilet ordered for Memorial Day at the Cemetery. Rife also asked for volunteers for putting up the flags on Memorial Day at the Cemetery. Council Member Fleming and Mayor Gladden both said they would be available. Rife confirmed that the contract for the grant was signed and sent in.

Council Member Berridge thanked the City crew for mowing the grass and reported receiving comments at the store about how nice the girls are at the City Office.

Mayor Gladden reported that last Thursday he directed the City maintenance crew to groom the ball diamonds because it reflects on the City when the ball diamonds look bad.

Mayor Gladden also reported that Eldon Belote will mow the lot owned by Maxine Eidson if the rocks and debris could be removed on Make-a-Difference Day. There's not enough volunteers so the City crew will go in with the tractor and clear the rock and debris.

The City crew will also mow around the outside of the ball diamonds until the school maintenance man, rec commission, and City crew can meet to and make plans for the ball diamonds.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Lewis to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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