

**CITY OF NICKERSON  
15 N. NICKERSON  
NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, May 7, 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:** David Richardson, Danny Schmitt, Aryn Hedrick

**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, May 7, 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 Brown to approve the April 16<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 May 7<sup>th</sup> payables was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Russell. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:**

**CITY ATTORNEY** Stan Juhnke – Absent

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Troy and Kristy Flickinger have purchased Dixie's Bar and Grill. The Council approved the Flickinger's request for a cereal malt beverage license.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Brown to approve the request for a CMB License. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, **NO:** None.

The flickinger's asked several questions about what they will need to get as far as inspections and licenses. City Clerk Schmitt will put together a list of items for them.

The Council welcomed them to town and wished them success in their new business.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Court Bank Account** City Clerk Schmitt requested approval to reopen the City of Nickerson Municipal Court bank account to accommodate the cash bonds. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Brown to approve the reopening of the Court bank account. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, **NO:** None

**Bond Refunding** City Clerk Schmitt provided the Council with information about an option to refund the City's Library & 2002 bonds which was presented by the same company that handled the original bonds. City Clerk Schmitt will meet with the bond company representative on Wednesday and will present the Council with any additional information she receives.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (PERSONNEL) for 25 MINUTES.** Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to recess into executive session for twenty-five minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 7:19 p.m.

Mayor Gladden called the meeting back to order. 7:44 p.m.

## **OFFICERS REPORT**

Council Member McLemore inquired as to why the brush site is now locked. Maintenance Supervisor Gomes explained that the City's permit only allows for

trees, brush and similar items such as yard clippings to be placed in the brush site. Lately there have been several occasions where construction debris, household items and trash have been dumped in the brush site. If the state inspector were to see the unauthorized items in the brush site, the state would pull the City's permit and the brush site would have to be permanently closed. Citizens needing access to the brush site may call the City office during business hours and a City employee will meet them at the brush site to unlock the gate.

Council Member Berridge proposed changing the Council Meeting time from 7pm to sometime in the morning. Discussion ensued. The Council agreed that if change was made then the meeting would need to be aired on the cable channel in the evenings or available on the internet for citizens to view who could not make it to the morning meetings.

Berridge also thanked the maintenance department for how nice the flowers and the main areas of Nickerson are being maintained.

Council Member Fleming has been asked about the tornado shelter at the Nickerson High School. Fleming suggested having fliers with the tornado shelter information available here at the office. The City office personnel will make up the fliers and have the information on the cable channel about the community tornado shelter.

Fleming inquired about the lighting for the City Park. Maintenance Supervisor Gomes stated that the council approved lighting is in the process of being installed for the City Park.

Council Member Brown received a call from a citizen about a dead tree at the entrance of the cemetery. Maintenance Supervisor Gomes stated he believes the tree has been removed since they have been in the process of removing some dead trees at the cemetery but he will check to make sure.

Maintenance Supervisor Gomes reported the fence around the Water Park was completed and rock will be added at the base of the fence to prevent mud from being tracked as well as adding to the appearance. The Park building is in the process of being painted. The Water Park has been tested and everything is working. Presently the motion sensor that runs the water in the Water Park will be set to operate from 9am to 9pm for 15 minutes at a time.

Gomes also reported that he has received the drawings for the crossings in the Lagoon easements. HEIB Construction will continue to be retained for the Lagoon easement crossings since they have been meeting the City's expectations in other projects.

City Clerk Schmitt requested approval to attend the Municipal Leadership Academy training in Lindsborg on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2012. The fee is \$75.00.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Koon to allow City Clerk Schmitt to attend the training in Lindsborg on June 9<sup>th</sup> and to pay the cost of registration at \$75.00 and furnish transportation. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon, **NO:** None

Mayor Gladden suggested waiving the building permit requirement for the May 12<sup>th</sup> Make-a-Difference Day. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Berridge to waive the building permits for Make-a-Difference Day. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, **NO:** None

Mayor Gladden asked the Council's thoughts on the Stutzman recycle program which was presented at the last meeting. Discussion ensued and the Council chose not to move on the proposal due to lack of interest from the public.

Mayor Gladden suggested having the City create a one to three space travel trailer park for travelers to use. The travel trailer park would have water, sewer and electric hookups. Discussion ensued. Maintenance Supervisor Gomes will research the possibilities and report to the Council at the next meeting.

Maintenance Supervisor Gomes reported the abandoned trailer left on Holiday Street at the speed bump has been moved to the south shop.

Mayor Gladden brought the large playground equipment discussion. Discussion ensued. Some of the old playground equipment will be brought back to the Park. Some pieces can be moved to the North Water Tower area. Maintenance Supervisor Gomes has asked for a quote not to exceed \$20,000 with the final choices made by the Council.

Mayor Gladden asked City Clerk Schmitt and Utility Clerk Sims to put together the Ordinance allowing for temporary use of travel trailers on residential properties.

Council Member Koon confirmed there is progress being made on creating a flow chart for enforcing the City Codes.

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

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