

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 16, 2016

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

COUNCIL: Jon Rohling – President, Brad Berridge, Trent Gilbert, Angela Richard, Jane Jenkins, Angela Cottrell

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

ROLL CALL: Berridge, Gilbert, Richard, Jenkins, Cottrell

ABSENT: Rohling,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2016 at Nickerson City Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, AGENDA, & PAYABLES – each item limit to 15 minutes

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Jenkins and Council Member Cottrell to approve the April 18, 2016 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Cottrell, Gilbert, Richard, Jenkins, Berridge **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Cottrell and Council Member Richard to approve the April 26, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Jenkins, Richard, Gilbert, Cottrell, **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Gilbert and Council Member Berridge to approve the May 3, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Richard, Gilbert, Cottrell, Berridge, Jenkins, **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Jenkins to approve the Agenda as written. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Gilbert, Richard, Jenkins, Berridge, Cottrell **NO:** None

Motion to approve the May 16, 2016 Payables was made and seconded by Council Member Cottrell and Council Member Richard. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Jenkins, Gilbert, Richard, **NO:** None

ABSTAIN: Berridge, Cottrell

CITY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Peggy Ruebke, representing the Chamber of Commerce, reported that they have a button design and will have them ready to go on sale shortly and they are ramping up for Klear Nearly Days which is July 29th and 30th. The band has been booked and the brochures should be out in the next two weeks. Peggy invited anyone who would like to attend a Chamber meeting on the 1st Thursday of every month. The Chamber will be asking for road closings on Main Street for Klear Nearly Days.

Gary Johanning brought a complaint about neighbors shooting the bigger fireworks off during the week of July 4th. He is afraid they are going to burn his house down and asked the Council to put a stop to it before someone's house does get burned down. Mayor Gladden said they would be discussing the issue at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Project – Jakob Tuxhorn presented a proposal to build a disc golf course at the City park for his Eagle Scout project. He chose this project to enhance the City park and to help the community stay active and physically fit. Jakob gave the Council the specification sheet on the disc golf baskets he would install once he obtains the funds and approval from the Boy Scouts Eagle board and Council. He must get approval from the BSE board before he can proceed so he will be returning to the Council for final approval once the BSE board gives the go ahead. He intends to ask 13 businesses for \$100 each to help pay for the project which he estimates will cost \$1375.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Cottrell and Council Member Gilbert to approve the preliminary request to go forward with the Eagle Scout Project of installing a disc golf course at the City park. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Cottrell, Berridge, Jenkins, Richard, Gilbert, **NO:** **Abstain:**

2015 Audit – Christina Henson presented the 2015 Audit. There were no current year points or statutory violations for 2015.

2016 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 – Peggy Ruebke

City Inspector – Mark Gomes

EMS Director – Karyl White

Rec Commission Director – Larry McVey

Official City Newspaper – Sterling Bulletin
Official City Bank – Peoples Bank & Trust

Council Member Responsibilities:

Administration – Mayor Gladden
Maintenance – Brad Berridge & Jane Jenkins
Cemetery and Parks – Angela Richard & Trent Gilbert
EMS – Jon Rohling & Angela Cottrell

Planning and Zoning:

Kenneth Burgess
Peggy Ruebke
Gordon Roth
Pat Henke
Aryn Hedrick
Bob Mildren
Tom Burris
Sandi Moore

Recreation Commission:

Eddie Koon
Cory LaClair
Travis Beshears
Peggy Ruebke

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Cottrell to approve the Mayor's 2016 City appointments. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Jenkins, Berridge, Cottrell, Gilbert, Richard, **NO: Abstain:**

CMB Licenses – Flick's Bar & Grill have applied to renew their on and off premises cereal malt beverage licenses.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Cottrell to approve the renewal application for Flick's Bar & Grill on premises cereal malt beverage license. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Gilbert, Richard, Jenkins, Cottrell, **NO: Abstain:**

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Jenkins and Council Member Richard to approve the renewal application for Flick's Bar & Grill off premises cereal malt beverage license. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Cottrell, Gilbert, Richard, Jenkins, Berridge, **NO: Abstain:**

Stutzman Refuse & Recycle Rate Change – Clerk Schmitt provided information to the Council about the 25 cent rate increase for the trash service utility per the 2014 service agreement with Stutzman Refuse.

OFFICER REPORTS

Cottrell – Thanked Phyllis Richardson for her hard work and help as City Treasurer for the past 18 years. Welcomed Peggy Ruebke as the new City Treasurer. Thanked all of the students who entered the City park walking trail contest and congratulated Kason Bright, a 1st grader from South Hutch Elementary, for winning the contest with the name “Panther Pass”. Thanked Jakob Tuxhorn for bringing a wonderful family oriented project for the City park.

Jenkins – Welcomed Peggy Ruebke to the City staff and thanked Phyllis for all the time she put into the City as Treasurer.

Gilbert – Welcomed Peggy Ruebke as well.

Berridge – Welcomed Peggy and appreciates Phyllis’ work over the past 18 years and wants to wish her well. Thanked Robin, April and Mark for a good 2015 audit. Thanked the Chamber for sponsoring the garage sales. Thanked the City crew for mowing the right-of-ways coming into town, they look great. Thanked Mark Richardson for the endowment he gave and after talking with Mark suggested the City draw on the funds for ball equipment. There is a little over \$11,000 in the endowment at this time.

Richard – Welcomed Peggy Ruebke and thanked Jakob for his presentation. Wanted to briefly mention the rental inspection bill which prohibit the City from doing internal inspections of rental homes. This may be something the Council should talk to people about to find out if this is something we need and do we need to change our City code.

Clerk Schmitt – Welcomed Peggy Ruebke and thanked Phyllis for all of her help as City Treasurer.

Mayor Gladden – Also thanked Phyllis and he feels the City should give Phyllis a recognition party or gift certificate for her 18 years of service and to show the City’s appreciation for her work and commitment. Asked for volunteers for putting up and taking down the big flags at the cemetery for Memorial Day. Asked about the group of cars parking in the old Methodist church lot. Berridge said he will check into it.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Cottrell to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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