

**CITY OF NICKERSON  
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, May 18, 2015**

**MAYOR:** Jim Gladden

**COUNCIL:** Jon Rohling – President, Brad Berridge, Trent Gilbert, Brian Rife,  
Jane Jenkins, Angela Cottrell

**EMPLOYEES  
PRESENT:**

**GUESTS:** Katie Bredfeldt, Thomas Burris, Peggy Ruebke, Ginger Williams, Dan  
Deming, Sissy Thimesch, Linda Fleming

**ATTORNEY:** Stan Juhnke

**ROLL CALL:** Berridge, Rohling, Gilbert, Rife, Jenkins, Cottrell

**ABSENT:**

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2015 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 Cottrell to approve the April 20, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Cottrell, Rohling, Gilbert, Rife, Jenkins, Berridge, **NO:** None

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

Motion to approve the May 18, 2015 Payables was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Cottrell. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Gilbert, Rohling, Cottrell, Berridge, Jenkins, **NO:** None

**ABSTAIN:**

**CITY ATTORNEY**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Ginger Williams spoke in reference to Klear Nearly Days and asked the Council to consider placing the Boy Scouts away from the mud volleyball due to the alcohol being consumed in that area.

Reno County Commissioner, Dan Deming, introduced himself to the Council and gave his contact information in order to be available for any assistance he can give the Council as a commissioner. Council Member Rife thanked the Reno County Commissioners for their support of the fire districts in Reno County.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Chamber of Commerce** – Peggy Ruebke updated the Council on the progress of planning Klear Nearly Days. The Klear Nearly Days brochures will be done by June 11<sup>th</sup> and they will be distributed throughout the community the following week so people can get more involved. They will update their Facebook page so people can sign up early for mud volleyball thus avoiding having too many teams this year. Nickerson High School student Shelby Jackson won the button design contest. There will be sign-up sheets available at City Hall around June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Center Rental Agreement** – The Council participated in a workshop on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Community Center rental agreement. City staff put together two agreements based on information from the workshop and Council suggestions for consideration. One was 4 pages long and one was 2 pages long. Council discussed the security deposit of \$125 being high. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Jenkins to go with the 2 page agreement and change the security deposit to \$50 and to bring the agreement back for review three months after the Community Center is completed. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Gilbert, Rife, Jenkins, Berridge, Cottrell, Rohling, **NO: Abstain:** Council Member Rohling confirmed that the security deposit will be fully returned or fully forfeited based on the condition of the building after the rental. No partial refunds will be given for partial cleaning.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Appointments of the City Officials** – Mayor Gladden made the following appointments:

City Clerk – Robin Schmitt  
Utility/Court Clerk – April Beshears  
Attorney – Stan Juhnke  
Judge – Larry Bolton  
Treasurer – Phyllis Richardson  
Inspector – Mark Gomes  
EMS Director – Karyl White  
Rec Comm Director – David Young

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

Planning and Zoning:

Kenneth Burgess  
June Gladden  
Gordon Roth  
Pat Henke  
Aryn Hedrick  
Bob Mildren  
Tom Burris  
Sandi Moore

Recreation Commission:

Eddie Koon - 3  
Chris Young - 2  
Travis Beshears - 1  
Phyllis Richardson – 4

Council Member Responsibility  
Administration – Mayor Gladden  
Maintenance – Berridge & Jenkins  
Cemetery & Parks – Rife & Gilbert  
EMS – Rohling & Cottrell

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife to approve the City Officials appointments. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Jenkins, Berridge, Cottrell, Rohling, Gilbert, Rife, **NO: Abstain**

**Community Center Payment Request** – Clerk Schmitt submitted for approval invoice# 1 from A&A Builders in the amount of \$36,258.30.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Cottrell to approve invoice# 1 to A&A Builders for \$36,258.30. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Cottrell, Berridge, Jenkins, Rife, Gilbert, **NO: Abstain:**

Council Member Rife reported that he has received comments that the footprint of the community center looks small. Rife explained that there is a 3600 sf area which puts the cost at \$123 per sf which is cheaper than building a new home.

**Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses** – Flick's Bar & Grill requested to renew their on premises and off premises CBM licenses.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to approve both the on premises and off premises cereal malt

beverage licenses. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Jenkins, Berridge, Cottrell, Rohling, Gilbert, Rife, **NO: Abstain:**

**Street Sand Seal** – Superintendent Gomes requested approval to expend \$18,550 to have 8810 square yards of street surface sand sealed by Circle C Paving. Avenue C to Kent, Burr from Railroad Avenue to Avenue C, and Pierce from Avenue C to Avenue D.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Berridge to approve sand sealing in the amount of \$18,550. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Rohling, Gilbert, Rife, Jenkins, Cottrell, **NO: Abstain:**

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

Mayor Gladden reviewed a letter from City Attorney Juhnke addressing the stem wall issue at the house next to the Kwik Shop.

Mayor Gladden reviewed information from Amber Rohling about the Walk across Kansas event. The school walked a total of 12,064 miles.

Rohling – thanked the maintenance crew for mowing and cleaning the park and the roadways.

Rife – suggested putting a tab on the website so people can download the Community Center rental agreement. Confirmed that the brush site is still locked due to trash being dumped. Citizens are required to bring their brush to the City office for inspection and to get a key. Citizens can call the City office on the weekends and the person on call can provide a key. There is no timeline on reopening the site.

Berridge – thanked the maintenance crew for maintaining the right-of-ways coming into town and the weed kill that was done this last month.

Mayor Gladden asked to have letters sent to properties on Washington Street about mowing.

Mayor Gladden reported that Kenny Burgess wanted to know if a Mason's corner stone could be incorporated into the new Community Center. Clerk Schmitt will check with the contractor and the grant administrator.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,** motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Cottrell to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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