

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 19, 2014

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Mark Gomes

GUESTS: Hutch Moshier, Dan Schmitt, Terry George

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

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

ABSENT: Fleming,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2014 at Nickerson City Hall.

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

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

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Lewis to approve the Agenda with an executive session for Personnel for 10 minutes as #1 under Old Business and Reprimand Discussion as #2 under Old Business. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Rife, Koon, Rohling, Lewis, **NO:**

Motion to approve the May 19, 2014 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Koon, Rohling, Lewis, Berridge, **NO:** None

ABSTAIN:

CITY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Terry George, the elementary school principal, reported on the status of the Elementary School Walking Path Grant. They did not receive the pledged donation from Lowes. Principal George reported that 99% of the students participated in the Reno County Bike & Walk Day and they are excited about exercising and getting in shape. Discussion ensued. If the City contributes \$5000 there will be \$12,000 left in funds needed.

Hutch Moshier presented an idea for a community garden and asked the Council to assist with providing land and water.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Session, Personnel, 10 Minutes – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Lewis to go into executive session for personnel for 10 minutes. Motion failed by show of hands. **Yes:** Rife, Lewis **No:** Berridge, Rohling, Koon

City Clerk Reprimand – Motion to rescind the motion made at the previous Council meeting to reprimand the City Clerk for comments made in the meeting notes was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Koon. Discussion ensued. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rife, Berridge, Lewis, Rohling, **NO:** None

Washington Stop Sign – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Lewis to install a stop sign at east and west bound Washington at Clough. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Lewis, Rohling, Koon, Rife, **NO:** None

All Season Street Banners – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Rife to put up the all season street banners. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Lewis, Berridge, Rife, Koon, **NO:** None

Governmental Suite Software – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to approve the purchase of the Governmental Suite Software. Discussion ensued. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Lewis, Rohling, Koon, **NO:** Rife, Following the vote, Council Member Lewis requested to have it noted in the minutes that she would have liked to have compared it to other software.

Elementary School Walking Path – Council discussed the donation. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Rohling to earmark \$5000 for donation to the walking path, contingent on the project going forward. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Rohling, Koon, Rife, Lewis, **NO:** None

NEW BUSINESS

CMB license – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Koon to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage license renewal for Flick's Bar & Grill. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Lewis, Rohling, Koon, Rife, Berridge, **NO:** None

HRMAK Conference - Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to send City Clerk Schmitt to the HRMAK Conference in Paola, KS on June 12 and 13, 2014 and to cover the cost of the hotel at the rate of \$76.33. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Rife, Koon, Rohling, Lewis, **NO:** None

OFFICER REPORTS

Berridge – Thanked the Maintenance crew for doing an excellent job on installing the new park by the water tower and has received compliments on how nice it looks.

Mayor Gladden – Dale Brown and Linda Fleming usually help with putting up the flags at the cemetery on Memorial Day. Council Member Berridge will put together a crew to help with the flags on a couple of the days.

Rife – Agreed that the new park by the water tower looks good and that it is nice to be able to reuse some of the equipment from the other park. Received comments from his neighbors about how nice the ball diamonds look since the maintenance crew went in and cleaned them up. Asked about a few dead trees at the cemetery and Superintendent Gomes confirmed they will be taken down before Memorial weekend.

Rohling – Thanked the maintenance crew for the new park and stated how the whole City is looking good as well.

Lewis – Asked the Council to read the information she passed out that came from the League explaining why she wants certain reports from the City Clerk. Clerk Schmitt explained that she offered the exact same reports that Lewis brought in as examples from the exact same software and Lewis did not approve of them. Lewis then stated that she had a fund audit report sample which she had not given to Clerk Schmitt that she would like to have.

Koon – Thanked Clerk Schmitt for creating the meeting notes sheet which is provided to the Council to assist in facilitating the meeting and thinks it not right that it was used against Clerk Schmitt when all it was meant for is to give the Council information. Thanked Mark for his crew's work at the ball diamonds.

City Clerk Schmitt – Confirmed with Superintendent Gomes that the Water Park will be ready to open on Memorial Day weekend if the Council is in agreement and the Council was. Mayor Gladden directed Clerk Schmitt to put the information on Channel 7. Reported that May 13th was Utility Clerk, April Beshears', one year anniversary with the City. The Council praised her for doing such a good job. Presented a bid from Haile Dirt Construction in the amount of \$5000 for the demolition and cleanup of 305 West Ave B. No action was taken by the Council.

Koon – Asked Council Member Rife about the technical assistance meeting for new grantees. Rife reported that he along with June Gladden, Robin Schmitt, and Linda Fleming attended the meeting in Salina. The meeting covered the grant process and what the requirements are as well as the responsibilities of the grant administrator.

Superintendent Gomes – Reported that the latest crack sealing project is completed even though they did not get as far as they wanted to, they did use five pallets of sealer tar. The crew finished the painting at the new park by the water tower and appreciated all the thanks to the maintenance crew. The air-conditioner on a tractor went out and it had to be repaired because the cab only has two small wing windows and the sun heats the cab so bad that the air-conditioner must be on.

Gomes talked about how years ago in the Reno County area the dirt roads were sand sealed. This process is much less expensive and he would like to try sand sealing a few streets on the two that are left that have curb and gutter.

Rife – Reported on the workshop where Superintendent Gomes showed a video of the older sewer lines in town that are going to need repairs. Money will need to be set aside for the repairs.

Mayor Gladden – Reported how much work the maintenance crew did on the ball diamonds and he noticed a lot of people using the sand volleyball courts. He thinks the Chamber should consider putting together sand volleyball games. Reported that April Beshears was elected by the Recreation Commission as their 5th member.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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