

**CITY OF NICKERSON  
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, May 20, 2013**

**MAYOR:** Jim Gladden

**COUNCIL:** Brad Berridge – President, Linda Fleming, Jim Koon, Mike McLemore,  
Brian Rife, Jon Rohling

**EMPLOYEES**

**PRESENT:** Mark Gomes,

**GUESTS:** Teri Koon, Jeff Fawcett

**ATTORNEY:** Stan Juhnke

**ROLL CALL:** Berridge, Rohling, Koon, Rife, Fleming,

**ABSENT:**

**TARDY:** McLemore

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2013 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 Koon to approve the May 6, 2013 Minutes. Council Member Rife made a correction under Old Business, 1% Sales Tax Discussion, changing the \$17,975 of the 1% Sales Tax revenue for the next five years towards property tax relief to \$10,785. Council Member McLemore arrived. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Rohling, Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to approve the May 13, 2013 Special Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Rife, Koon, Rohling, McLemore, **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Fleming to approve the Agenda with the following addition. Old Business, #1,

City Appointments. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Koon, Rohling, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** None

Council Member Rife confirmed the payable for Kenny's Electric in the amount of \$162.00 for the traffic signal repair at K-96 and Nickerson is the City's responsibility and not KDOT's responsibility.

Mayor Gladden explained that the payable to EMC Insurance Companies in the amount of \$41,601.00 is the City's annual insurance premium.

Motion to approve the May 20, 2013 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Berridge. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Rohling, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:** None

**CITY ATTORNEY** Stan Juhnke

Mayor Gladden relayed information from the City Attorney stating that the City can sue in small claims court.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**City Appointments** – Mayor Gladden made his appointments as follows:

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
Rec. Comm. Director	Travis Beshears
Official City Newspaper	Sterling Bulletin
Official City Bank	Peoples Bank & Trust

**Council Member Responsibilities:**

ADM	Jim Gladden
Water & Sewer	Koon & Berridge
Cemetery & Parks	Fleming & Rohling
Police & EMS	McLemore & Rife

**Planning & Zoning:**

Kenneth Burgess  
June Gladden  
Gordon Roth  
Pat Henke  
Joyce Beam  
Aryn Hedrick  
Bob Mildren

### **Recreation Commission:**

Travis Beshears  
Jessica Rice  
April Beshears  
Phyllis Richardson

Mayor Gladden informed the Council that the Rec. Comm. will choose their 5<sup>th</sup> member.

Council Member Rife questioned if he could legally be appointed to oversee EMS since he is an employee of EMS. City Clerk Schmitt will check into the question.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Koon to accept the Mayor's appointments as stated. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Koon,  
**NO:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Flick's Bar & Grill Cereal Malt Beverage License Approval –**

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife to approve the on premises CMB license for Flick's Bar & Grill. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Rohling, Koon, Rife, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:** None

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Berridge to approve the off premises CMB license for Flick's Bar & Grill. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Rohling, Koon, Rife, Fleming, McLemore, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:** None

**Ag-Co Corp Celebration Discussion –** Gordon Roth addressed the Council with information from Ag-Co Corp who are coming out with a new combine this year and are interested in the history of the Baldwin Brothers who were in the Nickerson community and started the Baldwin combine sometime around 1912 to 1916. Ag-Co wants to put up a sign commemorating the Baldwin Brothers and will be holding a celebration on August 17, 2013 here in Nickerson where farmers will gather with their combines and caravan to Hesston. The old Baldwin combine down by the water tower was given to the City of Nickerson and the City is responsible for it and Ag-Co Corp wants to feature the combine in its celebration and place a historical marker with the Council's approval. Council Member Rife asked if the City could work in conjunction with the Co-op on maintaining a piece of ground at the Co-op to place the combine and the historical marker for display. Mayor Gladden and Gordon will do some research and will bring additional information to the Council at the next meeting. The Council will need to decide the size and placement of the historical marker.

**Stutzman Rate Increase for Trash Service** – Jeff Fawcett addressed the Council to propose a rate increase for trash service. Jeff discussed the Consumer Price Index and explained how they determine their pricing. The rate would increase 2.45 % effective June 1, 2013. Jeff presented the recycle bank program where the citizens would earn credits toward purchases through various vendors based on the amount of recycled waste that Stutzman picks up in the community. [www.recyclebank.com](http://www.recyclebank.com) is the website that shows the vendors that are available to choose from.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to approve the rate increase of 2.45 % for trash service through Stutzman Refuse Disposal Inc. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Rohling, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** Koon, Rife, **ABSTAIN:** None

**Ordinance 2013-01** – An ordinance repealing ordinance 2012-05 changing the rates for trash service by residents and commercial users and amending section 15-423 of the code to the City of Nickerson Kansas reflect new fees effective June 1, 2013.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to approve Ordinance 2013-01. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Koon, Rohling, McLemore, **NO:** Rife, **ABSTAIN:** None

## **OFFICERS REPORT**

Council Member McLemore reported that after the "mini hurricane" the City crew and Reno County District 3 and Sheriff's Officers were out an about doing cleanup. They did a good job and the neighbors all jumped in and helped.

Council Member Fleming asked for volunteers to put up and take down the flags at the cemetery for Memorial Day.

Council Member Koon stated he is glad the City bought the grapple for the tractor and asked if there is a deadline for the citizens to get the debris picked up. Maintenance Supervisor Gomes stated they would have this week to get brush to the curb and they would start at the beginning of next week.

Council Member Rife asked Council Member McLemore if they are prepared to talk about the Community Center architectural information at this time. McLemore reported they had a meeting that morning and put together a list of architects to send letters to asking if they would be interested in designing the Community Center. The committee will put together the letter and the City Clerk will attach a proposal request to send out. Council Member Rife asked about the timeline. The normal timeline for proposals is 30 days but the timeline can be set by the Council. Discussion ensued. The architects will have to submit their proposals and then the committee can choose which one they want to use.

Council Member Rohling thanked the maintenance crew for the excellent cleanup after the storm.

Maintenance Supervisor Gomes informed the Council that they will have the opportunity to acquire the old sign from the High School by submitting a letter to the school board.

Gomes also thanked the fire department and EMS for all the work they did during the storm.

Gomes reiterated the information on the oil and gas lease through Shell Oil at the old sewer plant.

Mayor Gladden directed the Council to read Clerk Schmitt's administration report she submitted in their packets.

Mayor Gladden reported that the Nickerson Recreation is looking for volunteers to help work the concession stands during home games. If interested please sign up in the City Hall office. Games begin May 28<sup>th</sup> and run through the end of June.

Maintenance Supervisor Gomes reported that the damage to the ball park restroom will go on the City insurance. The damage caused by the debris from the restroom on other properties will not go on the City insurance.

Mayor Gladden reported that the new Utility Clerk, April Beshears, has made it through her first week on the job and has done an excellent job so far.

Mr. Gregg will be in court on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,** motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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