

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 3, 2013

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Robin Schmitt, Mark Gomes

GUESTS: David Richardson, Dan Schmitt

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

ROLL CALL: Berridge, Koon, Rife, Fleming, McLemore

ABSENT: Rohling,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013 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 Berridge to approve the May 20, 2013 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Fleming to approve the Agenda as published. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Rife, Koon, McLemore, **NO:** None

Council Member Rife confirmed the Bank of America Credit Cards payable was for Earl's CDL physical, the annual Maintenance work boots purchase, and office supplies.

Council Member Fleming confirmed that the two payables for lift station repairs were for the same lift station. Superintendent Gomes stated that the payables were the same company but they operate under two different names, Ray Lindsey and Smith & Loveless.

Council Member Rife also pointed out that the advisory election billing came in at about half the expected cost in the amount of \$1453.70.

Motion to approve the June 3, 2013 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member McLemore. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Koon, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:** None

CITY ATTORNEY Stan Juhnke

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Dan Schmitt requested help from the Council to encourage more participation in the Citizen Patrol Program. Dan stated that the Citizen Patrol is good for the community and will help regardless of whether the City implements a local police department or stays with the Sheriff's Department.

OLD BUSINESS

Baldwin Combine and Historical Marker – Mayor Gladden stated that the Council does not know what Ag-Co Corp wants to put on the sign and if they want a historical marker or just a sign the can be read as one drives by. Mayor Gladden will get the number to Ag-Co and ask what they have in mind for the sign. The type of sign will make a difference because if it is a historical marker, people cannot stop on the highway to see it. Discussion ensued about the placement of the combine itself. Superintendent Gomes stated that it was his understanding that they want to place a commemorative marker on the original building, but the location has not been confirmed and if the intention is to place a marker along the state highway, a permit and approval by the state will be required. If placed somewhere on Avenue G by the seed house it would need to be placed where people could get off the road to view it. Mayor Gladden directed Clerk Schmitt to contact Ag-Co to find out what they have in mind.

NEW BUSINESS

Chamber of Commerce Membership and Donation – Clerk Schmitt presented the annual Chamber of Commerce membership and donation form. The business membership is \$25 and the donation is for Klear Nearly Days. In the past the Council has donated \$100 for Klear Nearly Days. Council Member Berridge suggested tabling the request until someone from the Chamber could be at the meeting because they need more than a \$100 donation since the Chamber, with the help of Berridges, purchases the Christmas lights which will be replaced for next season and Berridge feels the City should buy the lights. Council Member McLemore confirmed that the Chamber owns the snowflakes that are hung out at Christmas time. Council Member Rife asked about the money on the Public Relations line item in the budget. Clerk Schmitt will check to see what is available on that line item.

OFFICERS REPORT

Council Member Berridge has received several comments about how nice the Cemetery looks and thanked the Maintenance crew for their hard work on keeping the Cemetery up and for the storm cleanup.

Council Member Rife asked to have the Utility Billing Report explained. Clerk Schmitt stated that the report shows only the current month's information since the previous Utility Clerk left without explaining where he pulled the numbers from that show the overall shortages for utilities. Council Member Berridge asked if the credit card option for payments was being utilized and Clerk Schmitt reported it is being used quite often.

Council Member Rife stated that he has been thinking about Citizen Patrol program and those citizens who are concerned should come down and join the Citizen Patrol as well as the Council members. They are all eyes and in order to do the reporting correctly they need to get the information by attending the meetings. When it comes down to it, the Citizen Patrol is a good deterrent.

Council Member McLemore stated he will try to have a Community Center Committee meeting on Friday at 9:30 a.m. if he can get a hold of everyone. A gentleman from BG Consultants met with McLemore at the City office during the week of May 20th and he offered to meet with the Committee to explain everything about the grant process.

Council Member Fleming thanked the Maintenance Crew for how nice the Cemetery looks. Fleming also thanked the persons who put up and took down the flags at the Cemetery. It is a difficult job especially on windy days. Fleming mentioned that she had 6" of rain in her rain gauge after the storm and she thought the drainage when pretty well. Superintendent Gomes stated that the storm drains handled all they could.

Council Member Koon confirmed that the Maintenance Department hired Brian Young for their part-time summer help. Koon reported receiving complaints about vehicles turning kitties in the road. Superintendent Gomes stated that that situation would fall into what Dan Schmitt and Brian Rife spoke about regarding the Citizen Patrol. By getting license plate numbers and descriptions, then something could be done about the problem.

Superintendent Gomes shared that the Maintenance Crew is still working to pick up the debris from the storm and asked the citizens that if they have brush to be picked up, please get it as close to the curb as possible because they do not want to drive on the yards with the equipment. They should be done with the majority of the brush by tomorrow.

City Clerk Schmitt reported that she received training at the IIMC Conference in Atlantic City on leadership, legislative management, public policy writing, budget process, communication, motivating employees, and managing through conflict. She and Danny were able to visit the lighthouse and the aquarium during their stay as well. Schmitt thanked the Council for allowing her to go to the conference and stated she will submit a report on expenses and reimbursements from the IIMC scholarship.

Mayor Gladden reported receiving good comments on the Cemetery and the City Park. Mayor Gladden acknowledged the persons who assisted with the Cemetery flags as well.

Mayor Gladden reported that the new Utility Clerk, April Beshears did a wonderful job while Robin was in Atlantic City. Clerk Schmitt stated the April only had to call her twice to ask questions and also stated that April was an excellent choice for replacing the previous clerk.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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