

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 16, 2014

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Robin Schmitt, Phyllis Richardson

GUESTS: Dan Schmitt, David Richardson, Michelle McCarty, Teresa Rife

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

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

ABSENT: Lewis

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2014 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 Fleming to approve the June 2, 2014 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge **NO:** None

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

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

Motion to approve the June 16, 2014 Payables was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, Rohling, **NO:** None

ABSTAIN:

CITY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Michelle McCarty, representing the Recreation Commission, presented a schedule of summer events. The Recreation Commission has set up a Facebook page where classes and events will be posted as well as pictures. Michelle reported that she was asked about holding a class for EMS to learn medical terms in Spanish and she is excited and willing to schedule a class. Council Member Berridge asked Michelle to have the Recreation Commission looking into holding some softball tournaments here in Nickerson. Berridge would be happy to be a sponsor for the tournaments. Discussion ensued. The Recreation Commission would like to have more than just baseball; they would like to have tennis, sand volleyball and other activities that utilize Nickerson's facilities.

OLD BUSINESS

Council Packet Reports – City Clerk Schmitt asked for direction from the Council as to which reports they would like to have in their packets for approving payables. Clerk Schmitt also asked if the Council wanted the Court docket included in their packet since it had been requested by a Council member several times in the past and any reports given to one Council member should be provided to all the Council members. The Court docket is subject to Kansas Open Records Act and any single Council person can come in as a citizen and request information without having to add to the Council packets.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to have the Check Register and Cash Summary provided in the Council packets and to not require the Court docket unless specifically requested by the Council. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, Rohling, Koon, Rife, **NO:** None

NEW BUSINESS

City Ordinance Codification – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife to have the League of Kansas Municipalities move forward with the codification as presented in the draft copy. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Berridge, Fleming, Rife, Koon, **NO:** None

Personnel Policy Change – In order to comply with State law pertaining to Conceal Carry of firearms, the following change will remove the wording from the City of Nickerson's personnel policy in section 4.7 which requires employees to provide copies of their conceal carry permit:

The City of Nickerson will also allow non-law enforcement employees, ~~who provide and file with the City Clerk a copy of their valid and current Conceal~~

~~Carry Permit~~, to carry concealed handguns while on City Property and while engaged in their official duties.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife to change the wording of the Personnel Manual to remove the requirement of providing a copy of the Conceal Carry Permit. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, Rohling, Koon, Rife, **NO:** None

OFFICER REPORTS

Koon – Received requests for the City to spray for mosquitos. Clerk Schmitt reported that the maintenance crew is scheduled to spray for mosquitos this weekend.

The parking at the ball diamond needs to be addressed because home owners are confronting people who are parking on their grass.

A culvert on the NW corner of the ball diamond at Kent and Avenue A needs to be covered.

A pallet fence being constructed across from the Kwik Shop is a concern to some citizens. Superintendent Gomes will inspect when he returns to work on Monday.

Thanked the maintenance crew for removing limbs in the streets from the storm.

Fleming – Confirmed that fireworks can be sold and discharged starting July 29th. Reported that weeds on the property next to Fleming Appliances are getting too tall and would like to have the owner mow the property.

Rohling- Thanked maintenance crew for cleaning up after the storm and mowing the City parks.

Rife – Asked about the timeframe for requiring a foundation to be put in at the home next door to the Kwik Shop where they are adding on to the home. Clerk Schmitt will check the permit information for the job and check with the City Attorney to let the Council know what time frame the Council can place on the homeowner to complete the foundation.

The Community Center project surveys have been approved by the State. The existing Senior Center needs to have the asbestos study done before demolition can commence. The Council will need to pass certain policies in order to comply with the grant process. These policies will be provided by Chuck Beth and ready for approval at the next council meeting.

April Beshears is the contact person between Chuck Beth, the committee and the Council for the Community Center project. Clerk Schmitt clarified that April will not be the go to person for money in and out for the project but the City Clerk will handle that responsibility.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Koon to start the asbestos study on the Senior Center. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Rohling, Koon, Rife, Fleming, **NO:** None

Berridge – Thanked the maintenance crew for the fence at the small north park and received a lot of good comments about the fence.
Stop signs at Washington and Clough will be set to stop traffic on Washington. Council Member Rife confirmed that the tree limbs that will block the view of the new stop sign can be trimmed by the City.

Koon – Asked if the home that was being considered for demolition at 305 W Avenue B was ever deeded over to the City. Clerk Schmitt reported that it had not and that no one has checked with the owner of the property to see if he would deed the property to the City. Discussion ensued. Clerk Schmitt will check with the City of Hutchinson to find out what their process is when they demo a property.

Clerk Schmitt – Reported on the HRMAK conference she attended on Thursday and Friday in Paola Kansas.

Koon – inquired about who committed the vandalism at the City Park. Clerk Schmitt has not received any reports from the Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Gladden – Reminded the Council that temporary help may be needed to assist maintenance when the demolition of the Senior Center begins.
Lynnette and Roy Lewis have resigned from opening the north storm shelter during tornado warnings. Anyone who is interested in taking over opening the storm shelter should let the City office now.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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