

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 18, 2012**

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

COUNCIL: Brad Berridge – President, Linda Fleming, Dale Brown, Jim Koon, Skip Russell,
Mike McLemore

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Robin Schmitt, Mark Gomes, Rick Sims, Phyllis Richardson, Chris Shultz,
Karyl White

GUESTS: Amy Boyea, Bill Green

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

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

ABSENT: Brown,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2012 at Nickerson City Hall.

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

Motion made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Berridge to approve the June 4, 2012 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member McLemore to approve the Agenda with the following addition, (3)Add 5 minutes for a total of 10 minutes to the executive session under New Business. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Koon, Russell, McLemore, **NO:** None

Mayor Gladden confirmed with Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes that the payable for the 91 Chevy repair was for the air conditioning unit. Mayor Gladden also confirmed the amount for the Farmers Coop payable was correct.

Motion to approve the June 18th payables was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Fleming. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Russell, McLemore, Fleming, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:** Berridge,

CITY ATTORNEY Stan Juhnke – Absent

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Bill Green brought a complaint about a property on the South end of Nickerson which has a dilapidated barn and trash in piles. The City will follow procedure on this complaint.

OLD BUSINESS

City Sponsored Travel Trailer Park – The discussion was tabled until more information could be gathered.

NEW BUSINESS

New Library Board Members – Amy Boyea informed the Council that John Johnson and Beth Stange have resigned from the Library Board and Amy was proud to announce that Kristen Huggard and Len Smalling are the new Library Board members.

Council Member Russell praised Amy for her dedication and excellent work at the Library.

EMS Pagers – Karyl White, the director of Nickerson's EMS addressed the Council and requested approval to purchase 3 new pagers with warranties and to upgrade 5 of the older ones due to a change in the radio system. City Clerk Schmitt confirmed the EMS budget will allow for the purchase.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Russell to approve the purchase. Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Koon, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell,

NO:

EXECUTIVE SESSION (PERSONNEL) for 10 MINUTES. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member McLemore to recess into executive session for ten minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Gladden called the meeting back to order. 7:26 p.m.

Terri Kelley Promotion - Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to approve promoting Terri Kelley to Maintenance Technician III and to increase her hourly wage to equal to the other Maintenance Technician III wages. Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, Koon,

Rick Sims' Wage – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Berridge to change Rick Sims from salary to hourly at his current annual pay. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, Koon, **NO:** No

OFFICERS REPORT

Council Member McLemore reported that the Community Center Committee met that morning and will be going to look at other cities community/senior center buildings on July 16th in order to get a perspective on layout and size options. McLemore received calls from various citizens asking how much has been spent and how much will be spent on the Park and how did the exercise path idea come into play? McLemore stated there needs to be an exit plan for the Park remodel; otherwise the City Park project will get larger than the original plan. Maintenance Supervisor Gomes and City Clerk Schmitt will put together a report on the Park project.

Council Member Berridge reported he has not heard back from the grant writer, Clelia McCrory. Mayor Gladden stated he believes she has been ill. Council Member McLemore informed the Council that the Community Center Committee has talked about checking with the Department of Aging and Main Street Development for grants also.

Council Member Berridge has received several compliments on the City Park and thanked the Maintenance crew for all the work they have done on the Park.

Berridge asked if the old Police Cruiser is on Purple Wave and Officer Shultz reported for Chief Kelsey that the car is on Purple Wave and the auction ends on the July 10th. Maintenance Supervisor Gomes explained the Purple Wave process. Discussion ensued. The Council directed the Police Department to park the car being sold on Purple Wave on Main Street until it sells.

Officer Shultz reported that the handguns previously approved for purchase have arrived and have been issued to the officers. The new Police Cruiser has arrived and is being equipped for use. The vehicle arrived with some wires cut and so the light bar wiring needs to be repaired.

Council Member Fleming received comments on how nice the City Park is and how it now draws families as well as the children. Fleming forwarded a request from a citizen asking that the small merry-go-round be refurbished and placed back at the Park. Maintenance Supervisor Gomes confirmed the merry-go-round has been saved and can be refurbished.

Council Member Koon also reported receiving comments on how nice the Park is now. Koon mentioned the issue of vandalism at the Park and asked what can be done about the rocks around the Water Park being thrown around and on the roof of the gazebo. Maintenance Supervisor Gomes will check into the issue.

Koon explained how the ground gets muddy around the water faucets at the Ball Diamond when the faucets are left part way on after kids get drinks and asked if Maintenance Supervisor Gomes could look in putting in some rocks or something to help with the drainage.

Koon asked the Maintenance Department to remove some cut down trees at the Ball Diamond as well.

Maintenance Supervisor Gomes asked that a reminder be put on the City Cable Channel 7 reminding citizens to put a fence around swimming pools so as to stay within City Ordinance.

Maintenance Supervisor Gomes received quotes from Pro Seal for chip sealing several streets that already have curbing and also chip sealing B Street where the new sewer lines were laid. The total quote was for \$74448 to do about 8 blocks total. Discussion ensued. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Russell to approve the chip seal process based on cash availability. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Russell, Koon, Fleming, McLemore, **NO:** No

City Clerk Schmitt presented an offer from Land Services, Inc. for leasing the mineral rights on the North Water Well property. The Council has always denied these offers when the request involves City water well property. Schmitt asked the Council if they would want to make a motion to authorize the City Clerk to deny requests for mineral leases that involve City water well properties. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to direct the City Clerk to deny requests made for mineral leases on Water Well Properties. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** No

City Clerk Schmitt presented the letter that will be sent to Reggie Green pertaining to his paint and body shop. Discussion ensued and the Council agreed the letter was appropriate.

Mayor Gladden confirmed that the two farmers who inquired with Maintenance Supervisor Gomes about farming the Lagoon acreage have not pursued the requests.

Gladden was thanked by Loyd Farr for the speed bump.

Gladden asked Maintenance Supervisor Gomes if all the new City streets signs have come in and Gomes reported that a few have not.

Gladden asked Maintenance Supervisor Gomes about the large playground equipment. Gomes stated that a committee member has suggested refurbishing the equipment that is already owned by the City and that committee member may be bringing that suggestion to the Council.

Gladden inquired about the slippery area at the Water Park and Gomes is looking into 2 options. One option is acid etch and the other is sand epoxy. If neither of those two options works then Gomes will look at sand blasting.

Council Member Koon asked when the sprinkler system was put in at the Park. Council Member McLemore stated it was 5 or 6 years ago when the football field lights were put in.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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