

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 15, 2013

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Robin Schmitt, Phyllis Richardson, Mark Gomes, Karyl White

GUESTS: Leo Ritter, Matt Jordan, Mike Jordan, Elizabeth Jordan, Dan Schmitt, David
Richardson, Brian Peterson, Theresa Teufel, Peggy Schrag-Wolfe, Dale
Brown

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

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

ABSENT:

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 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 July 1, 2013 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Rohling, Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None

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

Mayor Gladden confirmed that the City was reimbursed by the insurance company for the Les Richardson Construction and Kenny's Electric payables less the \$1000 deductible. Those payables were for storm damage repairs at the ball park.

Motion to approve the July 15, 2013 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Koon, Rohling, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:**

CITY ATTORNEY Stan Juhnke

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Peggy Schrag-Wolfe and Theresa Tuefel with the Chamber of Commerce requested to close Main Street from the Elementary School, down Main Street and up Avenue A to the City Park for the Klear Nearly Days parade; Main Street for the street dance; and Avenue G Street from South Kent Street to Hwy-96 to allow for pedestrian traffic. City Clerk Schmitt confirmed that there will be Sheriff's Officers available for security during Klear Nearly Days.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife to approve the request from the Chamber of Commerce to close the discussed streets during Klear Nearly Days. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Rohling, **NO:** None

Peggy and Theresa also thanked the Council for their generous donation to the Chamber.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Black Hills Energy – Operations Manager, Brian Peterson presented information about the installation of a wireless gas meter reading utility pole and data collector which will be located near the Black Hills Energy District regulator station near the North water tower. This system will allow Black Hills Energy to collect the resident's gas meter readings through the new data collector which will eliminate the need to have meter readers driving around to gather the readings. Mr. Peterson confirmed that Black Hills Energy will need to obtain a building permit from the City for the installation of the utility pole.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to approve the installation of the utility pole and data collection equipment. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Rohling, **NO:** None

SafeGuard Investigations & Consultants – Leo Ritter introduced his associates, Matt Jordan and Mike Jordan, who are a team of licensed private detectives, authorized by the Kansas Attorney General's Office. SGIC would like to offer security services to the City of Nickerson including building checks and property security such as locking and unlocking gates. SGIC would provide "eyes on reporting to include any visible violation of City Ordinance, or detection of criminal acts. They would be available for service of summons or hand delivery

of any special notifications and if the need arises, they would be willing to render any assistance requested by law enforcement officers.

SGIC would be available 365 days per year, 1 shift per day, 8 hours per shift. The use of Nickerson's former police vehicles stripped of department graphics, radios, red and blue lights and any other law enforcement equipment. The City would pay the fuel cost for City vehicles

SGIC proposes a contract for these services at an annual cost of \$70,000.

Discussion ensued; Council Member Rife requested a copy of the proposal for each Council Member. The Council thanked Leo, Matt and Mike for their presentation.

OFFICERS REPORT

Council Member Berridge thanked the City crew for the excellent upkeep of the Cemetery.

Council Member Rife inquired about where the old High School Sign, which was donated to the City, will be placed and how will it be utilized. Mayor Gladden reported that he had visited a little with Superintendent Gomes and they felt it might be beneficial to place the donated sign at the intersection of Main and Railroad since the sign will require electricity and there is already electricity at that location. The sign that is at that intersection currently would then be moved to the new City entrance once the K-96 reroute is completed. The sign discussion will be put on the next agenda for the Council to decide where they would like to have the sign placed.

Council Member McLemore asked how Flick's Bar & Grill annual hog roast went on Saturday. Council Member Berridge reported that the food and the band were all good and no one reported receiving any complaints about the noise.

Council Member Koon reported receiving complaints about illegal fireworks being shot off on Holiday Street.

Koon confirmed that anyone wanting to receive a copy of the City's published financial report can request a copy at the City Office.

Koon also confirmed that the tax money for the City Park projects has not been stopped all together, just delayed in order to start the Community Center Project.

Koon received complaints about not having the Council Members phone numbers published and City Clerk Schmitt confirmed that she will give out any Council Members phone number with their permission. All Council Members gave permission.

Koon reported a complaint from a customer whose water bill went out with zero dollars billed.

On behalf of Fire Chief Kenny Burgess; Mayor Gladden reported that Kenny had observed several times that there was not an adult present at the fireworks stand and that an adult should always be present.

Per a request from Bob Davis, Mayor Gladden directed Superintendent Gomes to install a stop sign at Clough and Washington.

Mayor Gladden asked the Council to be thinking about holding the employee appreciation dinner sometime in the fall since the attendance has been down when it is held at Christmas time.

Mayor Gladden asked if the old Police Station could be utilized when the new Community Center construction starts and the old Senior Center is torn down. EMS Director Karyl White reminded the Council that the restroom access would not work for that building. Librarian Amy Boyea stated that the library has a room that could be used as a temporary meeting place for the senior citizens.

The surveys for the Community Center Grant process were counted today and there are a little over 200 people counted. There needs to be 500 so the Community Center Committee will be going door to door in order to secure the amount needed. If someone needs to fill out a survey, they can come into the City office to fill one out.

Council Member Rohling and City Clerk Schmitt have not heard anything back from AGCO about the Baldwin Combine monument.

Council Member Koon reported that he found out it was a member of the Rohling family who assisted the lady with the flat tire which was discussed at the previous meeting. Koon thanked the Rohling family for assisting her.

Council Member Rife asked what the reason was that the stop sign on Cough and Washington was being requested. Mayor Gladden stated that he thinks it is because the road goes a long way without a stop sign. Council Member Rife stated that a speed bump is an option as well.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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