

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 16, 2012**

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Robin Schmitt, Rick Sims, Phyllis Richardson, Mike Kelsey, Chris Shultz

GUESTS: David Richardson, Kenny Burgess, Mark Detter, Dan Schmitt, Peggy Schrag-Wolfe, Corrine Henderson, Sissy Thimesch, Theresa Teufel, Lisa Gitchell

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

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

ABSENT:

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2012 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 July 2, 2012 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None

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

Mayor Gladden confirmed the payable to the Fountain People for the vandalism repairs were paid. McLemore confirmed the bill will be submitted in the court case for restitution.

Motion to approve the July 16, 2012 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Russell. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:**

CITY ATTORNEY Stan Juhnke – Absent

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2012-08 – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Brown to approve Ordinance 2012-08 authorizing the issuance of General Obligation refunding bonds, Series C 2012. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, **NO:**

Resolution 2012-04 - Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member McLemore to approve Resolution 2012-04 authorizing the sale and delivery of General Obligation bonds, Series C 2012. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, **NO:**

Fireworks Complaints Discussion – The Council discussed complaints that were received from citizens who were kept awake from fireworks being discharged until 11pm and later. Citizens are upset about the number of days and how late fireworks can be discharged. Mayor Gladden presented the firework discharge time lines for Hutchinson, Reno County and Sterling. Discussion ensued. Lisa Gitchell stated that their sales benefit from Nickerson allowing sales and discharge of fireworks for more days than surrounding areas. Theresa Teufel stated that the complaints she heard was more about how late the fireworks could be discharged and not so much about the number of days. Officer Shultz stated that some Counties may not be allowing fireworks next year due to several fires that happened this year. Brown suggested finding out if the High School will want to sell fireworks next year. McLemore stated the High School would probably not be interested in selling fireworks. McLemore asked Lisa Gitchell what would happen if a ban on fireworks was put in place after they placed their order. Lisa stated they would not be locked into the order. Lisa also stated they are paid a percentage of what they sell. Discussion ensued. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Russell to table the discussion until the 1st October Council Meeting to allow time to see if Reno County bans fireworks next year. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon,

Planning & Zoning Committee Training – Kenny Burgess had made a request to send the new Planning and Zoning Committee members to a training workshop in Wichita at the cost of \$95 per person. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to approve sending up to 4 committee members to the workshop. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown,

Credit/Debit Card Utility Payment Options – Utility Clerk Sims reported that most of the citizens that were surveyed stated they would be interested in having a credit/debit card option for paying their utility bills. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Russell to use Century Payments Service with the City absorbing the transaction fees. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, McLemore,

Compliance Officer Discussion – Mayor Gladden reminded the Council about the Zoning Commission vote to ask the Council to hire an independent Compliance Officer. Discussion ensued. The Council decided that since there is a process in place to handle complaints and it is working then they would not consider hiring an outside inspector at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Klear Nearly Days – Peggy Schrag-Wolfe presented information about the Klear Nearly Days events. Peggy thanked the City and the Police department for their support and introduced Theresa Teufel, Chamber President and Corrine Henderson, Chamber Secretary. Peggy requested the City to close West Ave G and its intersections from Hwy 96 to Kent Street so as to accommodate the foot traffic going from the mud volleyball area to the City Park and to be able to accommodate a car show as well. Discussion ensued. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Russell to approve the road closure. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, Theresa Teufel confirmed that everything is in place for the dance and alcohol permits.

OFFICERS REPORT

Council Member McLemore reported that the Community Center Committee has toured Pratt's Community Center which is a remodeled Dillon Store and Greensburg's Senior Center which accommodates all of Kiowa County to gather ideas of a layout for the City of Nickerson's Community Center. In the next week or two the Committee will sit down and work on a layout drawing. The Committee checked out the old lumber yard here in Nickerson as a possible location option however it is just too large. Also, there will be a meeting

sometime in August and the Committee will invite any group who will be utilizing the new Community Center for their input. McLemore posed a question about the possibility of utilizing the old street bricks in the construction to save on material costs. Grant options would be looked at in the future after the plans are put together.

Council Member Russell was asked if Flick's Bar & Grill can sell beer on premises on Sunday. City Clerk Schmitt confirmed that the Ordinances allow them to sell Beer on Sunday except on Easter.

Council Member Fleming reported that she had checked with the United Methodist Health Ministries about a grant for a walking/exercise path at the City Park and they directed her to the Hutchinson Community Foundation. Fleming will continue to pursue a grant option.

Council Member Berridge reported receiving good comments about the Water Park and how nicely the City Park is groomed. Berridge thanked the Maintenance Department for maintaining the City Park.

Chief Kelsey reported that the grey 2003 Crown Victoria was sold on Purple Wave for \$1500 and instructed Clerk Schmitt to remove it from the insurance policy.

Kelsey asked the Council to discuss hiring another full time officer at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Gladden asked if the other older Police vehicle will be placed on Purple Wave and Kelsey stated it will be as soon as they are able to get it stripped down.

City Clerk Schmitt reminded the Council of the Special Budget Meeting on Wednesday, July 18th at 6pm.

Mayor Gladden gave a 1940 City Handbook to City Clerk Schmitt to store in the safe.

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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