

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 18, 2016

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

COUNCIL: Jon Rohling – President, Brad Berridge, Trent Gilbert, Angela Richard, Jane Jenkins, Angela Cottrell

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

ROLL CALL: Rohling, Berridge, Gilbert, Richard, Jenkins, Cottrell

ABSENT: Mayor Gladden

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Council President Rohling at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2016 at Nickerson City Hall.

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

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Cottrell and Council Member Gilbert to approve the June 20, 2016 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Cottrell, Rohling, Gilbert, Richard, Jenkins, Berridge **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Jenkins to approve the Agenda as written. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Jenkins, Richard, Gilbert, Rohling, Cottrell **NO:** None

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Berridge to approve the July 18, 2016 Payables. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Richard, Gilbert, Rohling, Cottrell, Berridge, Jenkins, **NO:** None

ABSTAIN:

CITY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS

Frisbee Golf Eagle Scout Project Update – Jakob Tuxhorn reported that his Eagle Scout project of installing a 5-hole Disc Golf Course at the City park was approved by the Boys Scouts Eagle Board. He is required to collect all of the money for the project before he can “break ground” on the project. So far he has collected \$200 of the \$1375 needed for the project. Orscheln Farm & Home in Hutchinson has donated the concrete. Once the money has been collected, Jakob will provide a map of the project for approval from Council. Council requested information about how to donate to the project. Peggy Ruebke reported that once the course is installed the City will be placed on a registry so people can come from other communities to use the disc golf course.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2016-02 – An ordinance adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Cottrell to adopt Ordinance 2016-02. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Gilbert, Richard, Jenkins, Berridge, Cottrell, Rohling, **NO: Abstain:**

Ordinance 2016-03 – An Ordinance adopting the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Cottrell and Council Member Gilbert to adopt Ordinance 2016-03. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Jenkins, Berridge, Cottrell, Rohling, Gilbert, Richard, **NO: Abstain:**

Klear Nearly Days Update – Peggy Ruebke with the Chamber provided a Klear Nearly program and a map of the 5-K run which the Library is sponsoring. They have 28 runners signed up all ready and they will be throwing cups of colored water on the runners and they go by. Mud volleyball is \$45 per team and starts at 11 a.m. for both adults and youth. The parade will be at 10 a.m. The band is Turnback Creek. The Boys Scouts will have their pancake and sausage feed to fundraise for summer camps. A special fund raiser for Brooke Engelland who is battling Ewing Sarcoma will be going on. The Community Center will be utilized for Bingo on Saturday. The City maintenance crew will be the parade grand marshals.

The Main street from Berridges to the highway will need to be closed from 7a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and from Avenue B to the Highway until midnight.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Cottrell and Council Member Richard to approve the street closures. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Cottrell, Berridge, Jenkins, Richard, Gilbert, **NO: Abstain:**

Mud Volleyball Fundraiser Request – Michelle Lytle requested approval to hold a glow in the dark mud volleyball fundraiser on August 6th from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. at the Nickerson mud volleyball courts. The event would benefit Carson Hall who has an inoperable cancer; brain stem glioma. They would provide string camping lights for lighting since the event would be through the night. They would not be encouraging or selling alcohol but they also will not be checking coolers. They will provide one-million dollars in liability insurance and all the funds will go to Carson's family. Council member Cottrell stated that she loves how communities come together to support other community members, especially little ones who are fighting for the lives. Council showed concern with the time frame going until 6 a.m. and the BYOB advertised on the flyer. Council also showed concern about the noise disrupting the neighbors in the immediate area. The question about changing the time frame was raised and Michelle said she would need the courts from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. for both Friday and Saturday nights if the time couldn't go until 6 a.m. Council member Berridge asked about security and suggested the City pay for the sheriff's reserve to monitor the event. Michelle also said they have budgeted for security if needed. Council decided to check with the nearby neighbors and tabled the issue until the special meeting this week.

Equipment Purchase Request – Superintendent Gomes submitted a request to purchase two Grasshopper 72" zero turn mowers and a 52" deck which would interchange with the 72" decks for a total amount of \$31300.38. These would be replacing two residential sized mowers that are well past their life expectancy and are beginning to cost extreme amounts in repairs. The Equipment fund currently has \$47,082 available.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Cottrell to approve the purchase of two Grasshopper 72" commercial mowers and on 52" interchangeable deck for the amount of \$31300.38. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Jenkins, Berridge, Cottrell, Rohling, Gilbert, Richard, **NO: Abstain:**

Liberty National Insurance – Clerk Schmitt requested authorization to allow a representative from Liberty National Insurance to visit with the employees about purchasing additional life, accident, and cancer coverages. The premiums would be fully paid by the employees on a pretax basis.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Gilbert to authorize Liberty National Insurance to present their products to the City employees. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Rohling, Gilbert, Richard, Jenkins, Cottrell, **NO: Abstain:**

Budget Workshop Scheduling – Clerk Schmitt provided a copy of the 2017 draft budget for Councils consideration and asked when to schedule a workshop with Christina to discuss and finalize the budget. Council decided to meet on Wednesday, July 20th at 4 p.m. in order to go over the budget and to make a decision on the mud volleyball fundraiser request.

OFFICER REPORTS

Berridge – thanked the Chamber for their work on Klear Nearly Days. Thanked Mark and crew for how great the grass looks, and thanked the girls in the office for their work. Congratulated Jakob Tuxhorn on his work towards Eagle Scout and let him know he will buy one of the Frisbee golf holes. He will speak to Mark about a citizen who has asked about a tree that needs to be trimmed at the cemetery.

Richard – is looking forward to Klear Nearly Days.

Cottrell – thanked the Chamber for all of their hard work. Thanked Jakob for his hard work on the Frisbee golf course project and wants to donate as well. Wanted to send out well wishes to the Mayor. The City crew is hard working and deserves a big thank you.

Jenkins – thinks it is awesome that the Chamber invited the City crew to be the grand marshals in the Klear Nearly parade. Is very proud of Jakob Tuxhorn who is an outstanding citizen. Is also keeping the Mayor in her thoughts.

Gilbert – ditto

Rohling – thanked the Chamber for their work. Is excited to play disc golf at the park. Wants everyone to keep the Mayor in their prayers.

Clerk Schmitt – reported that the Mayor had a tooth that needed to be pulled and the dentist couldn't get him in right away so he developed blood poisoning. The tooth has been pulled so he is now doing much better. Reported that the zoning commission has received a request for a zoning variance for the elementary school to install an electronic sign in place of their monument sign. Jon Riggs has been consulted on the process so everything should go smoothly.

USD 309 is planning on going forward with painting the district logo on the south water tower. Council member Cottrell asked about using the local painting crew that did such a great job on repainting the car wash. Clerk Schmitt will check into it.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Gilbert and Council Member Jenkins to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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