

**CITY OF NICKERSON  
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, August 6, 2012**

**MAYOR:** Jim Gladden

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

**EMPLOYEES**

**PRESENT:** Robin Schmitt, Mark Gomes, Phyllis Richardson, Mike Kelsey,

**GUESTS:** David Richardson, Dan Schmitt, Bronc Beshears

**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, August 6, 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 July 16, 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 July 18, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore, **NO:** None

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

Berridge confirmed the payable to Harris Computer Systems was for the City's accounting system's maintenance and support.

Motion to approve the August 6, 2012 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Russell. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:** Fleming,

Mayor Gladden reported that the 27 year old air conditioner at the City Hall was repeatedly having problems and was replaced. The new one will be much more efficient.

**CITY ATTORNEY** Stan Juhnke – Absent

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Hiring Full Time Officer Discussion** – Council Member McLemore asked to have the discussion tabled until the grant money from the Sewer Project is finalized.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Health Insurance Contract Approval** – City Clerk Schmitt presented the 3 year contract for the employee's health insurance through the Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Koon to approve the health insurance contract. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell,

**Revised Personnel Manual & Drug Policy** – The Council tabled the adoption of the revised Personnel Manual and Drug Policy until the next meeting to allow more time for review.

### **OFFICERS REPORT**

Council Member Koon brought a discussion about the fireworks policy. Koon is in favor of keeping the policy the same. Council Member Berridge agrees. Discussion ensued. The fireworks policy is schedule to be discussed at the October 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting.

Koon thanked the Chamber, Fire and Police Departments, and Maintenance Departments for all of their work at Klear Nearly Days.

Council Member Berridge also thanked everyone for their participation in Klear Nearly Days.

Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes reported that lightning struck the blue water tower causing the controls to both towers to stop working so they were required to operate the controls manually through the weekend. The system controlling the water towers is now back up and running.

Gomes also reported that something foreign has gotten into the sewer system and has killed all the bacteria in cell one of the lagoon and is the cause of the strong odor coming from the lagoon. Gomes stated that the citizens and businesses must be aware of what they are putting down the drain and to check labels to ensure items are safe for the sewer system before pouring anything down the drain. Cell one of the lagoon will have to be fed enzymes to get the bacteria level back in balance in order to get the odor problem under control.

Gomes thanked the residents on behalf of the City and Maintenance Crew for their patience and assistance with several maintenance projects that were underway in the last week or so. Mr. Smith brought out a cooler with soda and ice for the Maintenance Crew while they were working in the heat and other residents assisted as well.

Mayor Gladden was impressed at how neat and clean the City was after Klear Nearly Days and commended the citizens and volunteers who helped with keeping the trash picked up during and after the event.

Chief Kelsey reported everything went smoothly during Klear Nearly Days for the Police Department as well.

Kelsey reported that the 2003 Crown Victoria should be stripped out and ready for auction by Thursday. Kelsey stated that the Police Department would like to keep the 2004 Crown Victoria instead of buying a new car next year. The 2004 had to be rewired and Kelsey feels they can get by without buying a new vehicle at this time.

Council Member Berridge confirmed with Chief Kelsey that the Water Park vandalism case is proceeding in court. The District Attorney is handling the case and it is in process.

Council Member Russell asked about the decals for the new Police car. Kelsey stated they are still trying to decide whether to use the old decals or get new ones or to leave the car plain.

City Clerk Schmitt requested approve to attend the Open Enrollment Personnel Officer Training for the City's health insurance plan. The training will be on September 11<sup>th</sup> at Wichita State University. There is no charge for the training and the only expense will be the use of a City vehicle.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to approve the training for City Clerk Schmitt. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon,

Schmitt reported that the Debit/Credit payment option is up and running.

Mayor Gladden reported that after Klear Nearly Days there have been vehicles driven into the City Park. It is assumed that because the vendors were permitted to park in the grass areas that people may now think that parking on the grass is permitted. Mayor Gladden wanted to let everyone know that parking on the grass is not permitted.

Mayor Gladden reported for Kenny Burgess that there will be 3 Zoning Committee members attending the Council approved Zoning Workshop in Wichita on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Zoning meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7p.m. here at City Hall. The speaker will be John Riggs and the Council is encouraged to attend.

Mayor Gladden confirmed with Council Member McLemore that the Community Center Committee is still planning to have a meeting in which input from others wishing to participate will be heard. McLemore also reiterated that all the Committee meetings are open to the public. The Committee has not set a date as of this time but will notify the City Office when the date is set.

The Budget Hearing will be on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:45p.m. before the Regular Council Meeting.

The current balance in the 1% Sales Tax fund is \$10599.74.

Council Member Berridge recognized a letter sent in from a citizen thanking the City for allowing use of the City brush truck for property clean up.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS**, motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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