

**CITY OF NICKERSON  
15 N. NICKERSON  
NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, August 20, 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,

**GUESTS:** David Richardson, Brian Rife, Gordon Roth, Reggie Green, Amy Boyea,  
Karyl White

**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, August 20, 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 Fleming to approve the August 6, 2012 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None

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

Mayor Gladden confirmed that the payable of \$500 to Dale Vanderhoof was for troubleshooting the issue with the Lagoon. Mayor Gladden reported that water was pumped from the third pond into the first pond in an effort to help correct the enzyme imbalance.

Mayor Gladden asked why Nickerson is paying for training for Officer Shultz in property room and evidence control. Since Chief Kelsey was not available to ask, Council Member McLemore stated that an officer must be certified to be an evidence custodian therefore Nickerson needed to have an officer trained in that area.

Council Member Fleming confirmed the \$4883.43 payable to Utility Service Co. was for the North Tower Quarterly inspection and maintenance.

Motion to approve the August 20, 2012 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** None  
**ABSTAIN:**

**CITY ATTORNEY** Stan Juhnke – Absent

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Reggie Green addressed the Council to ask if the 30mph speed limit in residential areas can be changed to 20mph. Everyone seemed to agree that 30mph is too fast for residential areas. McLemore stated he would check with Kelsey about having the speed limit reduced to 20mph.

Brian Rife reported the progress of the Community Center Committee. The Committee toured other community centers in the Greensburg and Pratt to gather ideas for layouts and usage. The Committee also considered the old lumber yard here in Nickerson and decided it would not suffice due to the remodeling costs. There will be a Committee meeting on Monday morning were the Committee will hear from the different groups to gather information on the groups needs. The Committee requested a workshop with the Council on Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Senior Center. Council Member Koon revisited the grant options for the Community Center. Brian stated the finance options have been discussed and will be discussed further.

Mayor Gladden reminded the Council about the Zoning Meeting on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at City Hall.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Revised Personnel Manual** – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Russell to adopt the revised Personnel Manual. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell,

**Substance Abuse Policy** - Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to adopt the City of Nickerson's

Substance Abuse Policy. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell,

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member McLemore confirmed that an ordinance can be adopted to change the speed limit in residential areas after adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinances.

**Ordinance 2012-09** – Regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Nickerson, Kansas, incorporating by reference the “Standard Traffic Ordinances for Kansas cities”, 2012 Edition.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Russell to adopt Ordinance 2012-09. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming, Koon,

**Ordinance 2012-10** – Regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Nickerson, Kansas, incorporating by reference the “Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities”, 2012 Edition. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Berridge to adopt Ordinance 2012-10. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, Koon,

**General CD 4149** – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Koon to allow the 6 month General CD 4149 to renew. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Russell, Koon, Fleming, McLemore,

## **OFFICERS REPORT**

Council Member Fleming asked if a specific time should be set to shut down the Water Park. Discussion ensued. The Council chose to allow Mark Gomes to decide when to shut down the Water Park for the winter.

Council Member McLemore reported that the Community Center Committee has come up with two concept drawings. One is utilizing the property from City Hall to the Senior Center and the other is utilizing the property from City Hall to the Lodge building thus filling in all the empty lots South of City Hall. McLemore explained some possible layout options.

Council Member Koon reported receiving some complaints about some of the roads getting encroached upon with grass and other growth on the sides thus making the roadways narrow.

Council Member McLemore stated his dad came to Nickerson on his motorcycle and the dirt roadways were difficult to maneuver on, possibly because of sand.

Council Member Fleming asked if the chip and seal is getting started on the roads. Mayor Gladden confirmed that the chip and seal project is underway.

Mayor Gladden reported the Sewer Vac Truck is being tested and it is powerful enough that it had sucked the water out of the p-traps in some resident's homes. Maintenance has addressed the issue. The truck cleans the sewer lines extremely well.

City Clerk Schmitt asked the Council for approval to attend her second year of the Municipal Clerks Certification Institute training in Wichita on November 12<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration is \$460 and hotel is \$89 per night for a total of \$905.00. Council Member Fleming asked about transportation and it will depend on the availability of the City vehicle as to whether Schmitt will take her own vehicle or not. 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:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Fleming, Berridge,

Mayor Gladden asked for suggestions on an incentive to get residents to install house numbers on their homes because the newspaper delivery persons are unable to properly deliver the newspaper. City Clerk Schmitt stated the request to have house numbers on all homes is currently on the local cable channel 7. Discussion ensued. The Council will consider the options and discuss the issue again at a subsequent meeting.

Mayor Gladden reported that Council Member Berridge had been approached by local residents requesting the Police car that will be sold be offered to the local public before placing it up for auction on Purple Wave. Discussion ensued. Berridge will discuss the selling option with Chief Kelsey and report back to the Mayor.

Mayor Gladden stated there are several dead trees in the parkways. The City Code states that the homeowner is liable for maintenance of the grass, trees and shrubs located in the parkway.

A home owner who has been notified by the City that he is in violation of the City's blight code has not complied and in fact the problem has gotten worse. Mayor Gladden asked the Council for a consensus on moving forward with enforcement. The Council told the Mayor to proceed with enforcement.

Mayor Gladden presented a letter from Jane Harrison asking the Council to consider changing the dates of Klear Nearly Days to coincide with the Alumni Banquet to include celebrating Baseball. The Council stated the Chamber of Commerce is who sets the dates for Klear Nearly Days and the Council would leave it up to the Chamber to decide the dates.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS**, motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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