

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

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, September 4, 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

**GUESTS:** David Richardson,

**ATTORNEY:** Stan Juhnke

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

**ABSENT:** Fleming,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at Nickerson City Hall.

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

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to approve the August 20, 2012 Budget Hearing Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, Berridge, **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Russell to approve the August 20, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore, **NO:** None

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

City Clerk Schmitt explained how the payable for the City employee's health care is now paid online and the receipt for approval is with the payables.

Council Member Russell confirmed there are 6 employees receiving health insurance benefits.

Motion to approve the September 4, 2012 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Russell, McLemore, Berridge, **NO:** None  
**ABSTAIN:**

**CITY ATTORNEY** Stan Juhnke – Absent

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – David Richardson reported that some of the roads in town are needing to be graded.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Public Funds CD 30348** – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Koon to allow CD #30348 in the amount of \$12266.75 to renew. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Berridge, McLemore, Russell,

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

### **OFFICERS REPORT**

Council Member Brown brought for Council Member Fleming the idea of having a suggestion box here at City Hall for the Community Center so the citizens can have another avenue for participating in the project. Brown stated he had gotten suggestions from several people to keep the current Senior Center and have the City acquire the old meat market building across from the Library. The City would then have the building removed and build the Community Center in its place. Brown reported hearing a lot of interest in the Community Center and suggested considering the option across from the Library.

Council Member McLemore said he would take the suggestion to the Committee.

Council Member Berridge reported receiving a request from a citizen about having a street light installed near her house. Berridge stated he would get with Maintenance Supervisor Gomes and research the possibility and the cost. Berridge received compliments from a citizen about how nice and clean the City Park is being kept.

Council Member McLemore asked if everything was paid for that the 1% sales tax was to be used for at the City Park. Council Member Brown stated he thought there was older child playground equipment still needing to be purchased. Council Member Russell reminded the Council that the old playground equipment will be refurbished and reinstalled at the Park. McLemore

asked if the 1% sales tax money is in its own bank account and Clerk Schmitt explained that the money is tracked on paper but is in the same bank account as the other funds.

McLemore thanked everyone who attended the football game for their support.

Chief Kelsey reported that Purple Wave does not allow a vehicle being sold on their site to have a reserve and must be sold on Purple Wave, it cannot be sold outside of Purple Wave.

City Clerk Schmitt reported that Roger Field will be doing the 2009 A-133 audit on September 12.

Schmitt also reported that Tom Finger with Rural Development has approved the \$35,000 sewer Jetter/Vac truck for reimbursement with the sewer grant funds.

Schmitt supplied information in the Council packets about the education and experience requirements for her Municipal Clerk Certification.

The 2012 League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference counts as points toward her certification. The conference is October 6-8 in Topeka. Schmitt asked for approval to attend and offered two options. One would cost \$581.00 with hotel and the other would involve taking her RV and that option would cost \$404.00.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Russell to approve Schmitt attending the 2012 LKM Conference and taking her husband and RV for the cost of \$404.00. Motion carried by the

following vote: **YES:** Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Brown, Koon,

Schmitt asked the Council to let her know if they know anyone who would want to donate an item to the Leagues silent auction.

Clerk Sims informed the Council that he has put information on the Cable Channel 7 about the street paving and how it will be delayed if there is a threat of rain.

Mayor Gladden brought the speed limit discussion. Discussion ensued about how the signs would need to be placed. McLemore and Kelsey will get together to work out the details.

Mayor Gladden asked the Council to consider how to get citizens to put house numbers on their homes. Discussion ensued. The Council decided it could possibly be a Make-a-Difference Day project.

A previous complaint about a blighted property has not been addressed by the owner. The owner's friend did come in for him and purchased a building permit for a fence but the fencing material is old and will not look appropriate for the neighborhood. Also the owner brought in current tags for the vehicles but they are not on the vehicles. Clerk Schmitt will check with the City attorney about how to get the situation corrected.

Mayor Gladden has checked with Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes about the second speed bump and Gomes will be having it installed. Council Member Brown asked if having a camera would be a better option than the speed bump. The cost was discussed. The speed bump will be installed.

Mayor Gladden asked the Council for their thoughts on the Community Center layout options, and finance options. Discussion ensued. Mayor Gladden wants to let the Community Center Committee know that they have his and the Councils support. Russell agrees. Brown disagrees with Russell and thinks that the Council should not just go with the decisions made by the Committee. Brown stated that the building will be a Community Center and not a Senior Center therefore he does not like how it has been said that the Seniors will always have priority. Brown would like to see more emphasis on other people so it can be a Community Center. Brown likes what the Committee has done with the drawings but he feels things are moving too fast and that all the peoples suggested options must be considered. Brown thinks maybe a second Committee would be in order. Phyllis Richardson asked to check into whether or not they would lose their funding for the Senior Center if a portion of the Community Center is not called a Senior Center. David Richardson asked if the building attached to Flemings Appliance was included in the option Brown mentioned across from the Library and it is. Council Member Koon is against having the Community Center across from the library because it would not be seen as well from the main roadway.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,** motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Russell to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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