

**CITY OF NICKERSON  
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, October 1, 2012**

**MAYOR:** Jim Gladden

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

**EMPLOYEES**

**PRESENT:** Robin Schmitt, Phyllis Richardson,

**GUESTS:** David Richardson, Gary Graber, Melinda Amack, Dan Schmitt

**ATTORNEY:** Stan Juhnke

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

**ABSENT:** McLemore,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 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 Russell to approve the September 17, 2012 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to approve the Agenda with the following additions. Old Business #2 – Main Street Property Discussion and New Business #5 Executive Session, Personnel, for 5 minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon, Russell, **NO:** None

Council Member Koon requested that the payable for the grinder pump not have the resident's name included.

Council Member Russell confirmed the payable for HP Premiums is the monthly premium for the health insurance.

Motion to approve the October 1, 2012 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Koon, Russell, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:**

**CITY ATTORNEY** Stan Juhnke – Absent

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Melinda Amack addressed the Council with a complaint about the Nickerson Police Department. On Sept 25<sup>th</sup> Melinda had called 911 at around 7 p.m. to report her son's racing motorcycle had been stolen from their garage. Due to confusion about the Nickerson Police schedule Melinda had to call 911 five different times and it was after 7:30 a.m. the next morning when the Sheriff's Officer showed up to investigate.

Gary Graber asked the Council what people who have security systems can expect when their systems are activated and the security company calls 911. Will they too experience long delays? Council Member Berridge stated that he has had his security system activated three times in the last couple of months and the Sheriff's Department showed up within 15 minutes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Fireworks schedule** – The Council discussed shortening the days and times that fireworks can be discharged after receiving complaints about the days and times going on too long. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Brown to allow selling and discharging of fireworks from the 29<sup>th</sup> of June to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The current times for those individual days will stay the same. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, Russell, **NO:** None

**Main Street Community Center Property** – Mayor Gladden reported that Bill and Linda Golding are willing to sell their property, located in-between the current Senior Center and Lodge, for \$11,000. Discussion ensued. The Council directed Gary Graber or Mike McLemore to negotiate the price with the Goldings and then bring the final selling price back to the Council.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Make-a-Difference Day** – The City has asked the citizens to put address numbers on their homes for safety reasons. Mary Stafford will be able to have her Head Start volunteer group put house numbers on homes whose owners will give permission. The City will supply the peel-and-stick type house numbers.

**Cemetery Stone Maintenance** – There have been requests for stones to be reset in the cemetery. City Clerk Schmitt supplied a cemetery report of the dollars available. Discussion ensued. The Council decided to allow the stones to be reset if a request has been made or if permission from the family is obtained.

Council Member Brown suggested having Mark schedule repairs and maintenance which can be budgeted for.

**SolarBee Maintenance Program** – City Clerk Schmitt requested approval for a maintenance program for the SolarBees in the lagoon on behalf of Maintenance Supervisor Gomes.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to approve the SolarBee Maintenance Program, option 2, in the amount of \$4922.00 annually for three years. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, Russell, **NO:** None

**Dirt Road Dust Control** – Mayor Gladden presented a request on Maintenance Supervisor Gomes' behalf to test a dust control product. A proposal of four different areas was presented at various costs.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Russell to approve the dust control application to be tested on one area to be chosen at Maintenance Supervisor Gomes' discretion. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon, **NO:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (PERSONNEL) for 5 MINUTES.** Motion made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Berridge to recess into executive session for five minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Gladden called the meeting back to order. 8:00 p.m.

## **OFFICERS REPORT**

Council Member Koon suggested putting two 20 mph signs on Nickerson Street in-between Railroad Avenue and Berridge's IGA. Koon will get with Mark about putting up the signs.

Koon reported a junk vehicle parked in a yard next to the High School parking lot. Koon will submit a complaint on behalf of a citizen to the City Office.

Koon also reported that someone is parking a pick-up truck at Avenue I and Durango which is blocking the view of traffic. Council Member Berridge said he would take care of the issue.

Council Member Berridge reminded everyone that the City Wide Garage Sale is this Saturday, October 6 and to sign up at the IGA or the City Office.

Berridge thanked Bill Green for doing such a nice job fixing up the house on Avenue H and Speare.

Berridge asked about the progress of the P.D. car on Purple Wave and the Mayor stated the action ends on October 9. City Clerk Schmitt informed the Council that Clerk Sims has not been able to locate the car on the Purple Wave auction and that she requested Chief Kelsey to check and see when it is supposed to be in the auction. Berridge suggested pulling it off of Purple Wave

but Clerk Schmitt stated that Purple Wave has the title now and that the agreement does not allow the City to pull the car out of the auction once it is committed.

City Clerk Schmitt presented the Sewer Project Grant information. The City will end-up with \$689,903.84 after returning \$78,032.00 to Rural Development. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Berridge to approve moving forward with closing the Sewer Project Grant based on the figures provided from Rural Development. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, **NO:** None

City Clerk Schmitt reported that the City now has Direct Deposit set up for the Employees and Council members and encouraged the Council members to sign up.

City Clerk Schmitt reminded the Council about the blighted property hearing on October 11 at 6 p.m. here at City Hall.

Mayor Gladden scheduled a workshop to discuss the Police Department immediately following the blighted property hearing on October 11.

Mayor Gladden also reported a complaint from Mrs. Philbrick about people partying at night by the lift station on Avenue G, north of the bus barn. She is requesting a street light be installed to help discourage the disruptions. Mayor Gladden will ask the Maintenance Department to look into getting a street light installed. Mayor Gladden will also direct the Maintenance Department to install the previously approved speed-bump on Holiday Street.

Mayor Gladden has ordered a replacement memorial plaque for the Henderson child and it will be installed on a post at the City Park.

Mayor Gladden reiterated on the Police Car on Purple Wave and the blighted property hearing on October 11 at 6 p.m.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,** motion made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Fleming to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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