

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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 6, 2014

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

COUNCIL: Brad Berridge – President, Linda Fleming, Jim Koon, Lynnette Lewis,
Brian Rife, Jon Rohling

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Phyllis Richardson

GUESTS: Thomas Burris, Kenny Burgess, Rick Blosser

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

ROLL CALL: Berridge, Koon, Fleming, Lewis

ABSENT: Rohling, Rife,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2014 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 Koon to approve the September 15, 2014 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Lewis, Koon, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Lewis to approve the Agenda as written. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Koon, Lewis, **NO:**

Motion to approve the October 6, 2014 Payables was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Fleming. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Lewis, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** None

ABSTAIN:

CITY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

High School Bon Fire – Fire Chief, Kenny Burgess, notified the Council that as Fire Chief he approved a request from the High School Principal, Rick Blosser, to hold a bon fire for home coming on October 6th. The bon fire is not allowed through the City code but Kenny has the authority to grant the request as Fire Chief. The bon fire will be at 8 p.m. south of the High School baseball field and Kenny will be present with a fire truck. If the winds are too high, then the bon fire will need to be cancelled.

Kenny asked the Council to consider changing the City Code to allow the High School to hold a bon fire in the future with approval of the fire chief.

Principal Blosser explained that he made the request for the bon fire in order to increase community involvement, school spirit and tradition.

Christmas Lights – Chamber Treasurer, Tom Burris, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, reported that the Chamber is having an adopt a snowflake event where persons could adopt a snowflake decoration for \$30 and a bronze plaque with their name would be placed with the snowflake. They have 18 of the snowflakes painted and have 4 more to adopt and finish. The Chamber would like to have the snowflakes placed all the way down from Nickerson Street and Hwy 96 to the High School. It would take 6 more snowflakes and the Chamber would pay for them. Tom stated that he thought Mark said the City would hire the electrician and pay for the extension cords to be dropped from the poles for the decorations but Tom was not sure if he understood Mark correctly. Tom also reported that the Chamber would like to set up the sled and reindeer decorations over by the combine and decorate the combine and tree to make a Christmas corner. Tom can be contacted at 620-422-0142 for information or to adopt a snowflake.

Council member Fleming asked if there was any issues with hanging decorations on the poles on the highway. Tom stated they contacted Westar Electric and was told the snowflakes have to be 18 feet off the ground and Westar will provide the letter for the City to have permission to hang the snowflakes on their poles.

City Code Internet Hosting – Clerk Schmitt presented 2 quotes from code publishing companies for the Council to compare. Clerk Schmitt would like to utilize one of these companies to put a link on the City website which would replace the current outdated PDF form of the City Code. The Code would be hosted on the company's website where it would be maintained, searchable and kept up to date. Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Lewis to accept the quote from Code Publishing Company to publish

the City Code on the Internet for an annual fee of \$250 and a onetime setup fee of \$250. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Fleming, Berridge, Lewis, **NO:**

OFFICER REPORTS

Berridge – asked if dumpsters were ordered for the City wide yard sale event. The dumpsters will be available the weekend of the 25th this month for the Make-a-Difference Day event.

Koon – received complaints about the grass growing over the curbs on the lots down Hwy 96 and in front of the Fire Dept. Inquired about the status of the cars parked at the property on West Avenue C and other properties the City received complaints about. Clerk Schmitt explained that anyone who has not responded to the letter sent by the City would be summons to court.

Fleming – asked about the home next to the Kwik Shop. Clerk Schmitt explained that the foundation is in but the stem wall needs to be finished and the cleanup has been completed.

Lewis – confirmed that the City is not sending out letters only to one or two people or only homes that are easily seen. Clerk Schmitt explained that letters are sent to any home that a complaint is received about.

Mayor Gladden – will check with Mark to see if Lisa has contacted the City about cleaning up the volleyball pits. Asked Clerk Schmitt to find out the time line for the State to accept objections to its release of funds for the Community Center Project. Reported that the City has mowed several places around town. Clerk Schmitt reminded everyone that when the City has to mow a property it costs \$100 and hour and is accessed to the property taxes if not paid by the property owner.

Tom Burris added that the new Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to working with the City as much as possible.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Lewis and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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