

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

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, October 20, 2014**

**MAYOR:** Jim Gladden

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

**EMPLOYEES**

**PRESENT:** Phyllis Richardson, Mark Gomes

**GUESTS:** Thomas Burris, Melva Thimesch, Katie Bredfeldt

**ATTORNEY:** Stan Juhnke

**ROLL CALL:** Berridge, Rohling, Koon, Fleming, Lewis

**ABSENT:** Rife,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 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 Rohling to approve the October 6, 2014 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Lewis, Rohling, Koon, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to approve the Agenda with the addition of City Beautification under New Business #3. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Koon, Rohling, Lewis, **NO:**

Mayor Gladden confirmed the payable for the crosswalk signs that were installed to meet State requirements.

Motion to approve the October 20, 2014 Payables was made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Fleming. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rohling, Lewis, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** None

**ABSTAIN:**

## CITY ATTORNEY

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

## OLD BUSINESS

**Snowflake Decorations** – Tom Burris, with the Chamber, asked the Council if the City would pay for drop cords on 6 street light poles so 6 additional snowflake decorations could be added. This would complete the street decorations down to the south end of the high school on Nickerson Street. The Chamber will provide the decorations and the brackets and install them above the 18 foot height requirement.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Lewis and Council Member Berridge to pay \$600 for the electrical drops on 6 light poles. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Fleming, Berridge, Lewis, Rohling, **NO:**

Melva Thimesch, Chamber President, asked Superintendent Gomes to explain his decision on not purchasing the security cameras for the City Park which the Chamber offered to pay for. Gomes explained that the suspected vandals have moved out of the City of Nickerson and there has not been any more vandalism at the Park for the past three months. The cameras would cost anywhere from \$400 to \$600 dollars and they simply are not required at this time.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Equipment Purchase Request** – Superintendent Gomes presented a request to purchase a v plow for the new Toro mower.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to approve the purchase of the v plow in the amount of \$4510.00. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, Lewis, Rohling, Koon, **NO:**

**City Hall Roof Repair** – City Clerk Schmitt and Superintendent Gomes presented and offer and agreement from Melton Industries for repairing the metal roof on the City Hall which has been leaking. This is the only company that specializes in spray on elastomeric latex which will not require a complete tear off and re-pitch of the roof and includes a 10 year warranty. Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Lewis to approve the roof repair contract for \$5975.00. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Lewis, Berridge, Fleming, Koon, **NO:**

**City Beautification Discussion** – Council Member Koon presented ideas for giving incentives to the citizens to clean up and beautify their properties on the main thruways in town. Discussion ensued. Melva Thimesch said the Chamber would be willing to participate with the Council on putting together a program. Council Member Koon will visit with the Chamber and report back to the Council.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

Tom Burris, Chamber Treasurer, added information about the toy collection event that the Chamber is sponsoring. The Chamber is collecting toys and clothing for the children of Nickerson. There are collection boxes located at City Hall, Berridges, Flick's Bar & Grill and Sunshine Café.

Lewis – agrees that a City beautification program would be a good idea and mentioned how nice Skip Russell's house looks.

Fleming – reminded everyone that there will be e-waste (electronics) and hazmat dumpsters available for Make-a-Difference Day on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Berridge – thanked the crew for maintaining the cemetery so nicely and keeping up on the mowing while having to mow everywhere else as well. Berridge asked the Council to set the holiday schedule for the City employees.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Koon to close the City office and give the day off to the City employees November 28<sup>th</sup> and December 24<sup>th</sup> without pay but the employees can use their vacation or personal time. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, Lewis, Rohling, Koon, **NO:**

Berridge – also suggested giving a holiday bonus instead of a party for the full-time employees and continuing the turkey/ham certificate for the part-time employees.

Rohling – thanked the Chamber for doing a good job with the snowflake decorations and thanked Brad, Janis and Brent Berridge for all they do for the holiday decorations every year. Thanked the City crew for keeping the City looking nice.

City Clerk Schmitt – stated the City code should be online within the next two weeks. The City office will be covered by Phyllis Richardson on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3 to 5 pm while April and Robin go to the Robert's Hutch-Line customer appreciation event at the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson.

Mayor – received a report from Fire Chief Burgess that two tires on the fire truck were ruined on the curb across from the Last Chance Grill.

Mayor – brought discussion about draining or filling in the mud volleyball pits. The Council agreed to have maintenance cut a section out with the backhoe to drain them. Council Member Rohling stated that if the Chamber is taking over the mud volleyball event then the City should help with the pits but if it is an individual who is getting personal gain from the event then that person should be responsible for draining and covering the pits. Chamber President, Melva, said the Chamber had not decided yet if they were going to take the event over and wants to get with Superintendent Gomes to discuss moving the event to the City Park.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,** motion made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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