

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

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, October 21, 2013**

**MAYOR:** Jim Gladden

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

**EMPLOYEES**

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

**GUESTS:** Dan Schmitt,

**ATTORNEY:** Stan Juhnke

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

**ABSENT:** McLemore

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2013 at Nickerson City Hall.

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

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Fleming to approve the October 7, 2013 Community Center Project Hearing Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Berridge to approve the October 7, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Rife, Koon, Rohling, **NO:** None

Mayor Gladden confirmed that the process of setting up the online payment options for the court and utility payments through nCourt has been started. It will be a couple of weeks before the option will be available to the public.

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

Council Member Rife confirmed that the payable for the safe deposit box was a replacement fee for a missing key and that the safe deposit box account was closed.

Motion to approve the October 21, 2013 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Koon and Council Member Rohling. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, Rohling, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:**

**CITY ATTORNEY** Stan Juhnke

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Police Equipment Bid** – The Reno County Sheriff's Department offered a bid of \$5645.00 for various weapons and equipment from the disbanded Nickerson Police Department. The Council also considered bids from three gun dealers who were interested in some of the weapons as well.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to accept the bid for the weapons and equipment from the Reno County Sheriff's Department. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, Rohling, **NO:** None

Council Member Rife reported that the Reno County Sheriff's Department is not interested in buying the police cars but Sheriff Henderson has offered to send an officer over to itemize what equipment is in the cars and to advertize them through his law enforcement avenues so the cars can be sold as complete units, therefore, bringing a better price. The Council agreed to allow the Sheriff's Department to assist in selling the police cars.

Once the Sheriff's Department picks up the equipment they purchased, the City will re-inventory the miscellaneous items that are left and then decide on what can be used and what to sell.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Cox Franchise Agreement** – The franchise agreement has expired and has been changed to a permanent agreement set by State Statute and the Council needs to decide at what percentage to set the fee. The maximum allowed by State Statute is 5% which is the amount of the previous fee.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife to set the Cox franchise fee at 5%. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Berridge, Fleming, Rife, Koon, **NO:** None

**Executive Session, Personnel, 10 Minutes** – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Fleming to go into executive session for personnel for 10 minutes. Motion carried by show of hands.

Council went into executive session at 7:14 pm.

Mayor Gladden called the meeting back to order at 7:24 pm.

## **OFFICERS REPORT**

Council Member Koon inquired about the possibility of the Nickerson Post Office closing. City Clerk Schmitt confirmed that the Postal Service has sent out a survey to the citizens of Nickerson about shortening the Post Office hours or possibly closing the office all together. There will be a public meeting to address concerns and answer questions on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. The City has nothing to do with the meeting or the Post Office issue but there will be surveys available to anyone who does not receive one in the mail at City Hall and the Post Office.

Council Member Berridge stated he is glad to see Mark is doing better and back to work.

Mayor Gladden reported that Mark is gone to a FEMA conference/training until Friday.

Council Member Rife confirmed that the insurance check for the damaged Water Park controller came in and that the 1% Sales Tax Fund was reimbursed.

City Clerk Schmitt reported that Jill Foss with Prairie Star Health Center is offering to hold a public meeting in Nickerson to discuss the Affordable Care Act (Obama Care) and the website issues. The City Office personnel will poll citizens to see if they would be interested in attending a public meeting on that topic.

Mayor Gladden reported that the Community Center Committee only needs 5 more people listed on the surveys to meet the survey requirement for the grant process.

Council Member Fleming reminded everyone that Make-a-Difference Day is on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am, meeting at the Senior Center.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS**, motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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