

**CITY OF NICKERSON  
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, November 4, 2013**

**MAYOR:** Jim Gladden

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

**EMPLOYEES**

**PRESENT:** Robin Schmitt, Mark Gomes

**GUESTS:**

**ATTORNEY:** Stan Juhnke

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

**ABSENT:** Berridge,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2013 at Nickerson City Hall.

A quorum of Council members were not in attendance, therefore Mayor Gladden adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

The Regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 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 Rife to approve the October 21, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Rohling, Koon, Rife, Fleming, **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Fleming to approve the Agenda with the following changes: Move the Executive Session under New Business to the first order of business, add Recommendation Letter to #2 and add CMB License Approval to #3 under New Business. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Rife, Koon, Rohling, McLemore, **NO:** None

Motion to approve the November 4, 2013 payables was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Rohling. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Koon, Rohling, McLemore, Fleming, **NO:** None  
**ABSTAIN:**

**CITY ATTORNEY** Stan Juhnke

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Executive Session, Attorney, 10 Minutes** – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Rohling to go into executive session for attorney client privilege for 10 minutes. Motion carried by show of hands.

Council went into executive session at 9:05 am.

Mayor Gladden called the meeting back to order at 9:15 am.

**Annex Discussion** – Council Member Rife brought the discussion about annexing north of town, out to the County line, in response to the K-96 reroute project. Rife stated the Council needs to explore the possibility of annexing in order to plan for the future and to do what is best for the community. In order to gather information and to locate guidance for the process other professionals as well as the Zoning and Planning Committee will need to be involved. Different scenarios were discussed about the possibilities of business and residential building, the effect on current residents, and how the City would supply utility services in the area in which the City is considering annexing. Rife restated that the City needs to put money aside to help pay for projects such this so the City's valuation would go up and help keep the mill levy down. City Clerk Schmitt informed the Council that she will need assistance and direction with this project since she has no experience with the annex process. Council Member Rife will make some calls in order to locate someone who can give guidance in the process. The Council tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Water Festival Donation** – A request was received from the City of Hutchinson asking the surrounding water utilities to contribute to the Reno County Water Festival.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Fleming to donate \$100 to the Reno County Water Festival. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rife, Fleming, McLemore, Rohling, **NO:** None

**Walking Path** – Council Member Rohling asked the Council to approve a letter of recommendation in support of the Nickerson Elementary School walking path grant that they applied for through the Sunflower Foundation.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Koon to send a letter of support for the Nickerson Elementary School walking path. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, McLemore, Fleming, Rife, Koon, **NO:** None

**CMB License** – City Clerk Schmitt presented a Cereal Malt Beverage license renewal for Berridge's IGA for Council approval.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Rohling to approve the CMB license renewal for Berridge's IGA. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, McLemore, Rohling, Koon, Rife, **NO:** None

## **OFFICERS REPORT**

Council Member McLemore received a complaint from a citizen who felt that her meter had not been read because it showed zero units. City Clerk Schmitt explained that unless a thousand gallons have been used then the reading will show zero and once a thousand gallons is used it will tick over to one unit. There is always a minimum usage charge up to 2000 gallons and the utility bill includes water, sewer and trash. McLemore asked about the automatic readings that Black Hills Energy uses for gas and if that type of equipment is available for water meter reading. Superintendent Gomes stated it is available but extremely expensive. McLemore also stated the reason that he has missed an occasional Council meeting is because of his new job which is in the evenings.

Council Member Koon thanked the City crew for maintaining the streets on his side of town and filling in the mud hole near K-96. Koon also asked everyone to keep City employee, Terri, in their prayers.

Council Member Rife asked Superintendent Gomes if he could check into the price of used, ground up, asphalt to use for paving Avenue A down to the City Park and around the park. Gomes stated he can check into the cost of the millings but he will have to check into whether or not it would be any cheaper than doing chip seal. Gomes will do some research to find out. Discussion ensued about the drainage issues and the ditch work in the park area which Gomes stated they will be continuing to improve.

Council Member Rohling reported that a lady who has not been in town for a couple of years, stopped in the store the other day and said that the City has looked better than she has ever seen it and that there were two smiling faces in the City office which was nice to finally see. Rohling thanked the City crew and the Office crew for doing a great job.

Superintendent Gomes requested approval to purchase a Toro commercial mower with a broom attachment that can clean snow from the sidewalks and gutters.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Rohling to approve the purchase of the Toro mower and broom attachment. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Koon, Rife, Fleming, McLemore, **NO:** None

Superintendent Gomes gave a report of his four days of FEMA training which opened up avenues to bring the City into compliance with FEMA standards that will save the residents money on their flood insurance rates. Gomes also reported on the Emergency Management training which he and City Clerk Schmitt attended in Haysville. Gomes informed the Council of the additional work and responsibilities that will fall onto the administration staff, in particular, April.

City Clerk Schmitt reminded the Council that she will be at the Municipal Clerk Certification training in Wichita from November 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a four year requirement.

Mayor Gladden thanked Casey for his Maintenance Department report which is supplied to the Mayor.

Mayor Gladden directed the administration staff to send a letter of appreciation to Brad Berridge for donating the Mum flowers on Main Street.

Mayor Gladden reported that Mark Gomes is getting closer to retirement and that he directed Gomes to get Casey, who will be taking Mark's place, into the appropriate and required trainings. Clerk Schmitt reported that she made sure the training funds are in next year's budget to accommodate the training for Casey and April who are two solid, committed, employees.

Council Member Rife asked if there has been any planning ahead for the employee appreciation dinner and Mayor Gladden said he had brought up having it in the summer since there were less than half attending during the Holidays.

Superintendent Gomes added to Rohling's comment about how nice the City looks; stating that the Make-a-Difference Day helps tremendously on keeping the City cleaned up.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,** motion made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Fleming to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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