

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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 16, 2015

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

COUNCIL: Jon Rohling – President, Brad Berridge, Trent Gilbert, Brian Rife,
Jane Jenkins, Angela Cottrell

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

ROLL CALL: Berridge, Gilbert, Rife, Jenkins,

ABSENT: Rohling, Cottrell

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015 at Nickerson City Hall.

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

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Jenkins and Council Member Berridge to approve the October 19, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Gilbert, Rife, Jenkins, Berridge, **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Gilbert and Council Member Jenkins to approve the October 29, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Jenkins, Rife, Gilbert, **NO:** None

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

Mayor Gladden confirmed that the payable for oil and grease was an annual purchase.

Motion to approve the November 16, 2015 Payables was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Jenkins. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Jenkins, Berridge, Gilbert, Rife, **NO:** None

ABSTAIN:

CITY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Junie Gladden spoke on behalf of the seniors about turning the small meeting room at the community center into a recreation room with exercise equipment, game tables and possibly a pool table. All items would be supplied by the seniors from the money they receive from the Department of Aging.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Center Recreation Room Discussion – Clerk Schmitt reported that the City has received several comments from the public about there not being any recreational activities for the public in the community center. Schmitt also reported that the small meeting room has not been rented for events other than for use by the seniors or for painting classes and bible studies. Discussion ensued. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to make the small meeting room in the community center into a recreation room. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Jenkins, Rife, Gilbert, **NO: Abstain**

Seniors Portion of Community Center Utilities – The seniors have agreed to pay \$250 towards the utilities and cleaning services for the community center. \$250 would cover their portion based on the average usage they had when the building was the senior center. Having a flat amount each month will allow them to budget their money more effectively and to stay in compliance with the Department of Aging from whom they receive \$1250 a quarter. This would be brought back to Council if the City or the seniors find that the amount needs to be adjusted in the future.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Gilbert to approve the amount of \$250 for the seniors to pay for their portion of the community center utilities and cleaning services. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Jenkins, Berridge, Gilbert, Rife, **NO: Abstain**

NEW BUSINESS

Charter Ordinance 14 – A charter ordinance exempting the City of Nickerson from the provisions of K.S.A. 14-103 and K.S.A. 14-201, relating to the election of officers, their terms of office, transitions to November elections, the appointment of officers, and nomination petitions; and, providing substitute and additional provisions on the same subject, and repealing charter ordinance No. 1 and 12 and repealing Nickerson city code; chapter 6, article 2, sections 6-201 and 6-202.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife to adopt Charter Ordinance 14. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Gilbert, Rife, Jenkins, Mayor Gladden **NO: Abstain:**

Seating New Council on the Second Monday in January – State law now requires the newly electing council members to be seated on the second Monday in January following the election. This leaves the Council with three choices. Either add an additional regular meeting in January following the elections or change the regular meetings from the third Monday to the second Monday of the month, or have the newly elected council members come in prior to the second Monday in January following the elections and take their oaths and then take their seats at the regular meeting in January.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Jenkins to have the newly elected council members take their oaths on or before the second Monday in January following the elections. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Gilbert, Rife, Jenkins, Berridge, **NO: Abstain:**

Cereal Malt Beverage License – Berridge's IGA has applied to renew their cereal malt beverage license for off premises consumption.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Gilbert to approve the renewal of Berridge's IGA cereal malt beverage license. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Jenkins, Rife, Gilbert, **NO: Abstain:** Berridge,

Recreation Commission Director Appointment – Dave Young resigned as Recreation Commission director in August. The Recreation Commission is recommending Larry McVey be appointed as the director. After consideration, Mayor Gladden appointed Larry McVey as director of the Recreation Commission.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to approve the Mayor's appointment of Larry McVey to Recreation Commission director. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Gilbert, Berridge, Jenkins, **NO: Abstain:**

City Hall Closure – Clerk Schmitt requested on behalf of the city employees to close City Hall on the day after Thanksgiving.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Gilbert to close City Hall on November 25, 2015 the day after Thanksgiving. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Gilbert, Rife, Jenkins, Berridge, **NO: Abstain:**

OFFICER REPORTS

Jenkins – was saddened to hear that Council Member Rife is planning to resign from the council.

Berridge – thanked Council Member Cottrell and her husband for putting on the Halloween event for the kids this year.

Is pleased that the City is saving money on attorney fees and that the City attorney is doing a good job.

Rife – announced his resignation as Council member. This will be his last meeting. Rife is also retiring from the Hutchinson Fire Department after 30 years of service. He and his wife Teresa are moving to Sterling and are looking forward to new opportunities in the future. It has been a tough decision to make; it has always been his passion to work hard for the public.

Clerk Schmitt – thanked Rife for his commitment and service to the City of Nickerson.

Mayor Gladden – also thanked Brian for his service on both the Council and EMS.

Thanked Council Member Cottrell for the food collection from her Halloween event. The food went to a local family in need.

Asked the Council members to look at the roadway down by the grade school corner and Main Street. The drainage has been filled in from the overlay of the road and the water no longer drains and is deteriorating the roadway. Mayor Gladden said he was told by Superintendent Gomes that it could be milled down to restore the drainage but it will have an expense to do it.

Asked the Council if they would want to do something for the employees for the holidays.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Jenkins and Council Member Gilbert to give the city employees and EMS a certificate for a turkey or ham. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Jenkins, Gilbert, Rife, **NO:** **Abstain:** Berridge,

Council Member Jenkins asked about the community center curtains and Clerk Schmitt reported that curtains that match the accent walls in the community center had been selected.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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