

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

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, November 18, 2013**

**MAYOR:** Jim Gladden

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

**EMPLOYEES**

**PRESENT:** April Beshears, Mark Gomes

**GUESTS:** Betty Wyer, Marlene Smith, Robyn McInturff

**ATTORNEY:** Stan Juhnke

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

**ABSENT:** Koon, McLemore

**TARDY:** Berridge,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2013 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 Rife to approve the November 4, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Rife, Fleming, Berridge **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Rohling to approve the Agenda with the following changes: add Diversion Fund to #2 and add Sound System to #3 under New Business. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Rife, Rohling, **NO:** None

Mayor Gladden commented that the fuel bill is lower this month.

Motion to approve the November 18, 2013 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Rohling, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Robyn McInturff addressed the Council to state why she disagreed with the 2014 mill levy increase, the Community Center project and the sewer lagoon. Robyn explained how the tax increase will affect her and others financially and made suggestions for alternatives to building a new community center.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Grinder Pump Discussion** – Council agreed to table the discussion until the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Office Closure Request** – City employees requested to close the City office and Maintenance Department the Friday after Thanksgiving. Maintenance will be on call for emergencies as usual.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife to close the City office and Maintenance Department the Friday after Thanksgiving on 11/29/13. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Fleming, Berridge, Rohling, **NO:** None

**Diversion Fund** – Council Member Rife asked how much money is in the diversion fund and what the City can spend that money on since there is no longer a police department. Clerk Beshears stated that there is right at \$17,000 in the fund and after consulting with the accountant, auditor, and attorney was told the money can be rolled into the General fund to be spent on any allowable expenses. Once the money is removed from the diversion fund the fund would be closed. The only item that would be spent from the fund, now that the police department is closed, is the employee appreciation dinner. The Council tabled the discussion on the diversion fund until the next meeting.

**Sound System** – Clerk Beshears reported that she called Sparks Music to see where they are with the quote on replacing the audio/video system in the City office and they will have it by the end of the week. Council members reported complaints from citizens who are not able to hear the meetings on the television. Council Member Rife suggested the Council consider using some of the diversion fund money that may be transferred to the General fund to finance a new sound system, that way the funds supported by the mill levy would not be affected. The Council tabled the discussion until the next meeting so the information and quotes could be gathered.

## OFFICER REPORTS

Council Member Berridge complimented the City crew on cleaning out trees at the Cemetery and reported several comments on how nice it looks.

Superintendent Gomes reported on the previous request from the Council to research the cost of utilizing millings versus chip seal for the streets. Gomes said that the cost can be substantially more for millings but the cost will be based on the depth which would need to be determined. Gomes is speaking with a contractor currently who will make a recommendation on the depth and then they will do a cost comparison of millings versus chip seal.

Clerk Beshears reported that City Clerk Schmitt completed her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of certification training last week and is looking forward to completing the 4<sup>th</sup> and final year of institute. Mayor Gladden reported that there is only 4 days of training for year four and once Robin is finished then April can start the certification training as well.

Mayor Gladden thanked James and Linda Fleming for putting up the flags at the Cemetery for Veterans Day and directed the City Clerk to send thank you cards to James and Linda and to the City crew who took the flags down in extremely cold wind and rain.

Mayor Gladden thanked Brad Berridge again for the Mums that are on Main Street.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS**, motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

Official