

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

COUNCIL: Brad Berridge – President, Linda Fleming, Dale Brown, Jim Koon, Skip Russell, Mike McLemore

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Mark Gomes, Rick Sims, Phyllis Richardson

GUESTS: Bob Davis, Vera Graber, Gary Graber, Dan Schmitt, Bob McClure, Holly Thomas, Joyce Beam, Aryn Hedrick

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

ROLL CALL: Berridge, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming,

ABSENT: McLemore

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 21st, 2011 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 Russell to approve the November 7th, 2011 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge **NO:** None

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

Motion to approve the payables was made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Brown,. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Koon, Russell, Fleming, Berridge **NO:** None

CITY ATTORNEY Stan Juhnke – Absent

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS

Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes reported he had located a grapple for the tractor as directed by the Council in the last meeting. It will cost around \$4200 plus or minus. Discussion ensued. Motion to purchase the grapple utilizing the diversion fund first if possible and then the equipment fund was made and seconded by Council Member Koon and Council Member Russell. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, Russell **NO:** None

NEW BUSINESS

City Librarian Gay Sykes addressed the Council and requested a Resolution be passed allowing the library to be given the carryover money from the library fund annually in December. Discussion ensued. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Russell to draft a resolution pertaining to the carryover money. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, Russell, **NO:** None

Mayor Gladden asked the Council to approve the new library board consisting of John Jackson, Diana Krol, Beth Stange, Kathy Osborne, Irene Norman, Joyce Beam, and June Gladden. The approval was needed because Betty Wyre was replaced by June Gladden on the board. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon, **NO:** None

Mayor Gladden appointed June Gladden and Joyce Beam to the Zoning Commission. Motion to approve the appointments was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, Russell, Koon, Brown, **NO:** None

Sales representative Holly Thomas from Stutzman Refuse introduced herself and Bob McClure out of Lyons to the Council and offered to assist with any questions or concerns the City may have with the trash and recycle pickup. Questions and answers ensued. Berridge asked about putting the carts back in the alleys. Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes and Bob with Stutzman Refuse will take a look at the alleys to see if the alleys can withstand the traffic from the trash trucks. Council Member Koon asked about a service to assist citizens that are unable to move their carts to the curb on trash days. Holly said there is a service for an additional fee.

City Clerk Robin Schmitt asked the Council for approval to close the City Office on November 25th the day after Thanksgiving. Discussion ensued. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Koon to

close the City Office on November 25th. Motion carried by the following vote:
YES: Berridge, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, **NO:** None

OFFICERS REPORT

Council Member Koon asked if the maintenance department has purchased heaters for the lift stations. Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes confirmed the heating needed for the lift stations is sufficiently covered.

Council Member Brown has received a couple of requests to put in a speed bump on Holliday Street to slow down the high school students. Concerns about the speed bump interfering with the school buses were voiced. Discussion ensued. Mayor Gladden will check with Roy and the Police Chief to see how it would affect the school busses and what other options might be available to help slow down the high school students.

Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes gave his Department Report and asked for approval to purchase three fireproof cabinets at about \$400.00 each for the storage of combustibles and a grease rag container for used shop rags. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to approve the purchases. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None

Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes reported the sand for soft fall under the monkey bars at the park has been completed.

Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes reported the quotes have been received by Heib Construction, A&A Builders, and Clark Construction for the Water Park and restroom construction. Discussion ensued and Motion was made and seconded to award the bid to Heib Construction by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon, Russell, **NO:** None

Council Member Russell confirmed the play area of the water park is 30' by 30'. Council Member Berridge confirmed the water park is engineered to additions can be made at a later date if wanted.

City Clerk Robin Schmitt introduced her report she will add to the packets called "Tidbits". The report will include info learned at trainings and other miscellaneous information.

Mayor Gladden asked the Council if they would be interested in doing an employee appreciation event similar to ones that have been done in the past. The money to pay for the event would come from the diversion fund so that tax payer money would not be used. Mayor Gladden directed City Clerk Robin Schmitt and Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes to plan an employee appreciation event allotting \$2500.00 from the diversion fund.

Mayor Gladden asked Rick Sims how the zoning map was coming along. Rick is double checking to make sure he has all the information needed for the map update.

Mayor Gladden asked Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes if Rowex Rodent Eliminator has come in. Gomes stated it has been ordered but has not come in yet.

Mayor Gladden asked the Council how they would like to go about hiring a compliance officer. Discussion ensued. Joyce Beam stated she supports the enforcement of the ordinances. Council Member Fleming made a motion to rescind the motion made at the previous Council Meeting that gave the Mayor the authority to investigate hiring a compliance officer, until the Council is able to discuss it further. Council Member Berridge seconded the motion. More discussion ensued. Rick Sims explained the importance of enforcing the ordinances. Gary Graber stated he also supports the enforcement of the ordinances. The motion made by Fleming carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Koon, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** Russell,

Mayor Gladden directed City Clerk Robin Schmitt to set up a workshop to discuss the hiring of a compliance officer and the employee – supervisor wage scale.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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