

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 1, 2014

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

COUNCIL: Brad Berridge – President, Linda Fleming, Jim Koon, Lynnette Lewis,
Brian Rife, Jon Rohling

**EMPLOYEES
PRESENT:**

GUESTS: Jesse Sullivan, Sissy Thimesch, Thomas Burris

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

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

ABSENT:

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 2014 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 Koon to approve the November 17, 2014 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Lewis, Rohling, Koon, Rife, Fleming, Berridge, **NO:** None

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:** Berridge, Fleming, Rife, Koon, Rohling, Lewis, **NO:**

Motion to approve the December 1, 2014 Payables was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Koon, Rohling, Lewis, Berridge, Fleming, **NO:** None

ABSTAIN:

CITY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Tom Burris, with the Chamber of Commerce, thanked everyone who participated with Christmas lights. Brad for donating his time and equipment, the citizens who adopted snowflakes and donated money. Tom wanted to remind everyone of the Christmas light/house decorating contest and that the registration forms can be picked up at City Hall. Half of the entrance fee will be used to buy toys and the other half will go to the contest winner. The Chamber refurbished the reindeer and sleigh that are on display next to the combine. Tom Burris will be bringing back the manger scene but it will be missing the donkey that was stolen last time the scene was on display. The Council presented a “thank you” card to the Chamber for all the work they have done.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Center Project Floor Plans – Council commented on the floor plans while Jesse Sullivan with BG Consultants took down the information to forward to the architects. Council Member Lewis thanked everyone who has worked on the project and appreciates their hard work. Lewis had concerns about the inset patio taking up real-estate on the inside of the building and accumulating trash when the wind is blowing. Lewis as well as the other Council members want to see double doors added to the back of the building for easier access. Council discussed having inside access to the mechanical room as well as changing the storage room door to swing out. Discussion about having an access door to City Hall ensued and Council Member Rife stated that in order to qualify for the grant, the building had to stand alone and could not be attached to any other buildings.

Jesse confirmed the information that he will take back to BG Consultants.

Double doors on the back side of the building.

Reversing the door swing on the storage room.

The question of accessing the mechanical room from the inside.

Trash accumulation and lost interior space in the patio area.

Framing for potential for future access door to City Hall.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Lewis to approve the floor plans with the proposed changes and questions.

Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Fleming, Berridge, Lewis, Rohling, **NO:** None **Abstain:** Koon,

Holiday Bonus Discussion – Council Member Berridge suggested at the last Council meeting that the \$2500 that is put aside for an employee appreciation dinner be used for employee bonuses instead. Berridge suggested giving the 6 full time employees \$300 each and the remaining \$700 be split for gift certificates. Council Member Lewis suggested giving EMS and the treasurer \$25 gift certificates to Berridges; \$500 to the City Clerk and Superintendent, and \$325 to the other 4 full time employees. Discussion ensued about who to include in the certificates and the amounts.

Motion was made by Council Member Lewis to give \$25 gift certificates to the 7 EMS and the treasurer and split the remaining \$2500 between the 6 full time employees. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Berridge to give \$300 to the 6 full time employees and \$25 gift certificates to the Council, Mayor, and Treasurer, 7 EMS, Chamber President and Chamber Vice President. Motion failed by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Rohling, **NO:** Fleming, Lewis, Koon, Rife, **Abstain:**

Motion was made by Council Member Rife to give \$100 to the 6 full time employees; \$25 gift certificates to the Council. Mayor and Treasurer, and 7 EMS. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Lewis and Council Member Berridge to give \$300 to the 6 full time employees and \$25 gift certificates to the Council, Mayor, Treasurer, and 7 EMS. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Lewis, Fleming, Koon, **NO:** **Abstain:** Berridge, Rife,

NEW BUSINESS

Equipment Rental Agreement – Superintendent Gomes requested approval to enter into an equipment rental agreement with Casey Hartman DBA Hartman Tree Service. The City would rent the bucket truck owned by Hartman Tree Service for a fee of \$150 per day when the need for a bucket truck arises. Hartman Tree Service will provide the liability insurance. This agreement in no way limits the City's ability to rent equipment from other companies.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to approve the equipment rental agreement with Hartman Tree Service contingent on review from the City attorney. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, Lewis, Rohling, Koon, Rife, **NO:** None **Abstain:**

Reno County Water Festival – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Lewis to approve a donation of \$100 to the Reno County Water Festival. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Rohling, Koon, Rife, Fleming, Lewis, **NO:** None **Abstain:**

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Fleming – complimented the Nickerson Chamber of Commerce on their hard work and how nice the Christmas decorations look.

Koon – asked about how the City could get a grant for fixing up housing and store fronts in Nickerson. Thanked the Chamber for their hard work and the decorations.

Berridge – thanked the Chamber for their hard work and decorations.

Rife – thanked the Chamber for their hard work and involvement which encourages participation and team work. Thanked Brad for putting up the additional snowflakes.

Rohling – thanked the Chamber for working late putting up the lights and making the corner look good with the decorations. Thanked the City crew for preparing for the winter.

Superintendent Gomes – thanked the Council for approving the equipment rental agreement. Asked whomever stole the large American and Kansas flags last week to return them to the City.

Sissy Thimesch invited everyone to the Snowflake festival at 5:30 pm on Saturday.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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