

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 16, 2013

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Phyllis Richardson, Robin Schmitt

GUESTS: Jessica Morton, Dan Schmitt, David Richardson

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

ROLL CALL: Berridge, Rohling, Koon, Rife,

ABSENT: Fleming, McLemore

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 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 December 2, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Koon, Rife, Berridge **NO:** None

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

Motion to approve the December 16, 2013 payables was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Koon. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Koon, Rohling, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:** Berridge,

CITY ATTORNEY Stan Juhnke

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS

Diversion Fund – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to transfer the remaining Diversion Fund money to the General Fund in the amounts of \$1000 to Administration Capital Outlay, \$2000 to EMS Capital Outlay and \$7786.10 to Maintenance Capital Outlay. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rife, Berridge, Rohling, **NO:** **ABSTAIN:**

NEW BUSINESS

South Central Kansas Prosperity – Jessica Morton presented information about South-Central Kansas Prosperity. In order to be economically competitive in a world marketplace all communities in the region need to work together to develop a plan for a prosperous region. This plan is focusing on six distinct areas: built environment, healthy community design, natural resources, transportation, water, and workforce and business development. Jessica asked the Council for their input and gave them cards to fill out with suggestions.

Ordinance 2013-02 – An ordinance amending General Ordinance No. 2012-12 involving Chapter 7, Article 3 of the City Code relating to the discharge of fireworks. This ordinance adds back in the provision for discharging fireworks from 8 p.m. on December 31st to 1 a.m. January 1.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife to adopt Ordinance 2013-02. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Rife, Berridge, Rohling, **NO:** None

Ordinance 2013-03 – An ordinance amending Chapter 15, Article 3 of the City Code relating to City owned lift stations. This ordinance names the City owned lift stations which are located at: Mallory & West Washington, Avenue G & Pierce, Avenue J & South Paine, Avenue G & Holiday, 1304 West 82nd, 2 North Moore.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to adopt Ordinance 2013-03. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Berridge, Koon, **NO:** Rife,

OFFICER REPORTS

Council Member Berridge thanked the City crew for sanding the streets on Sunday. Berridge received a compliment on the City crew from a customer at the store.

Council Member Rife reported that EMS has cleaned up the old PD Station and moved in. Rife also stated that EMS will need to buy some new equipment next year.

Rife also reported on the Citizen Patrol meeting that was held on Thursday of last week. They had four members show up and they discussed how there were so many citizens concerned about not having a police department that showed up for the town hall meeting and how it would be nice to have that kind of participation in the Citizen Patrol. The Citizen Patrol has made a difference and the more eyes we have in the community, the better off we all are.

Rife proposed allowing the City employees off at noon on Christmas Eve. City Clerk Schmitt confirmed that the employees would like to be off that day and would be paid with their vacation time if they choose or be off without pay. Discussion ensued.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Berridge to close the City office and give all the employees the day off on Christmas Eve: **YES:** Berridge, Rohling, Koon, Rife, **NO:** None

Mayor Gladden thanked the City crew for spreading sand on the roads on Sunday. The Mayor also thanked the crew for fixing a water leak at the Senior Center.

Mayor Gladden and City Clerk Schmitt asked for approval to present each of the employees with a certificate for a turkey or ham or meat package valued at \$40. The certificate would be redeemable at Berridges IGA.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Koon and Council Member Rohling to approve the certificates: **YES:** Rohling, Koon, **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:** Berridge, Rife,

Phyllis Richardson reported that the window of the concession stand at the west ball diamond had been broken again. Nothing was disturbed on the inside and Phyllis made a report with the Sheriff's Department. There will not be a claim on the insurance due to the \$1000 deductible.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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