

**CITY OF NICKERSON  
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, December 17, 2012**

**December 17, 2012; 7 p.m.** Mayor Gladden announced there was not a quorum present. Mayor Gladden adjourned the meeting to December 18, 2012; 9:30 a.m.

**MAYOR:** Jim Gladden

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

**EMPLOYEES**

**PRESENT:** Phyllis Richardson, Robin Schmitt, Rick Sims,

**GUESTS:** Aryn Hedrick, Ron Hirst

**ATTORNEY:** Stan Juhnke

**ROLL CALL:** Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, McLemore

**ABSENT:** Berridge,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at Nickerson City Hall.

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

Mayor Gladden thanked City Clerk Schmitt for the meeting outline she prepares and places in the Council packets.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Russell to approve the December 3, 2012 Minutes with the following correction. Under Council Reports; paragraph seven; sentence two would be changed to read "It (PROSEAL) needs to be done on Avenue I since that is where the busses are speeding. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, **NO:** None

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

Council Member Fleming confirmed the payable in the amount of \$8150.00, to Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce, Faris, Chartered, was for the 2009 A-133 audit required by KDHE. Council Member Brown confirmed a copy would be given to the Council Members.

Motion to approve the December 17, 2012 payables was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Russell. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore, Fleming, **NO:** None  
**ABSTAIN:**

**CITY ATTORNEY** Stan Juhnke – Absent

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Ron Hirst presented information to the Council about Reno County E-Partners; which is a member of the Network Kansas partnership program, E-Communities. This allowed them to have \$100,000 in Kansas tax credits at the rate of 75% to sell to individuals looking to start or expand a business. These were all sold and with the addition of funds from the sale of the Quest building they have around \$160,000 to use in assisting in business startups or expansions. Quest Center will be the administrators of this program. Council Member McLemore asked if a brochure will be available and Ron stated they would be putting one together.

Ron Hirst then presented a questionnaire to the Council and Planning Committee to fill out, regarding what assistance may be needed for the community from the Quest Center. The Council agreed they would have the questionnaire returned to City Clerk Schmitt at the January 7 Council meeting so she can forward them back to Ron.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Kansas Mutual Aid Program for Utilities Agreement** – Motion was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Brown to enter into agreement with the KSMAP program with the contingency that the City attorney reviews the agreement and does not find anything detrimentally binding. Discussion ensued. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, McLemore, Russell, **NO:** None

**Schedule Workshop to Discuss Police Department Vote** – The Council scheduled a workshop on January 9, 2013 at 7 p.m. to discuss the Police Department vote in April and the Citizen Patrol as well.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**PMSI Equipment Rental Approval** – City Clerk Schmitt presented a request on behalf of Superintendent Gomes for approval to purchase material and rent equipment from PMSI to repair cracks in the streets.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member McLemore to approve the material purchase and equipment rental from PMSI in the amount of \$3105.00 for street repairs. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, McLemore, Russell, **NO:** None

## **OFFICERS REPORT**

Council Member Russell reported that he received complaints from two residents on Avenue H that they were not consulted about the installation of the speed bump. Mayor Gladden informed the Council that the speed bump was moved at the request of the residents and a section in the center was left open to accommodate motorcycles.

Council Member Koon asked City Clerk Schmitt to explain the City employee sick leave sharing policy, which is in the personnel manual. Clerk Schmitt explained that employees can volunteer to donate sick leave to each other if an employee is ill for an extended amount of time and does not have enough sick time to cover the time off. Both employees must fill out and sign forms to request and to donate the sick time.

Council Member McLemore reported that he met with Mr. Golding. Mr. Golding was asking \$11,500 for the property next to the Lodge which would be used for the new Community Center and McLemore offered \$11,000 on behalf of the City and Mr. Golding accepted as long as the City takes care of the paperwork. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Koon to proceed with the purchase of the property for \$11,000 and to have the City Attorney handle the paperwork. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, McLemore, Fleming, Koon, **NO:** Brown,

Council Member Fleming asked when the next Community Center Committee meeting would be and McLemore stated there would not be a meeting scheduled until the property is secured.

Council Member Koon confirmed that the police vehicles were sold and that the two that are being kept are garaged.

City Clerk Schmitt reported on behalf of Superintendent Gomes that the control board at Well 9 has stopped working and Well 9 is temporarily out of operation. It will cost \$4500 to replace the control board and a request was made for approval to replace it.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Koon to proceed replace the control board at Well 9 for approximately \$4500. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, **NO:** None

Mayor Gladden reported that Officer Shultz is still working on the Police Department inventory and re-inventorying the evidence locker since all the Police Department information was erased from the hard drives of the Police computers by Chief Kelsey when he resigned. Discussion ensued. Council Member Brown requested a report of the amount of financial loss due to the Police computer hard drives being destroyed. Clerk Schmitt will be supply a report at the next meeting.

City Clerk Schmitt reported that the property that was cleaned up next to the High School parking lot cost the City \$250 for roll of dumpsters because the debris had been shoved into a large pile by the property owner's family and nothing was separated. The City truck was not large enough to accommodate all the material and it would have taken several days of City employee hours to clean up if the dumpsters had not been used. City Clerk Schmitt explained that when the City does clean-up it can take a lot of hours and money on behalf of the City. Council Member Russell asked if the property owner is paying for any of the clean-up and Clerk Schmitt stated she will have to look at what letters were sent to the property owners prior to the Council directing the Maintenance crew to clean up the property.

Clerk Sims addressed the Council and explained that they had approved to update the antennas on the Tornado Sirens at the last meeting and the issue the City is facing now is the base-station is not upgradable. Fire Chief Burgess is working with the Reno County Fire Department on possibly using their narrow-banding, so all Nickerson will need to do is replace the base-station. The City is facing a \$16,000 fine every time the siren is activated after January 1 until the base-station and antennas are upgraded to narrow-band. A new base-station could cost somewhere in the range of \$900 to \$1000.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Russell to approve the purchase of a new base-station if needed, at the cost of \$900 - \$1000. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, McLemore, **NO:** None

Mayor Gladden asked why the Tornado Siren is being tested at 11a.m. instead of 12 noon. It was decided that it was because of the time change.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,** motion made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Fleming to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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