

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011**

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Robin Schmitt, Rick Sims, Mark Gomes, Phyllis Richardson

GUESTS: Joyce Beam, David Richardson

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

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

ABSENT: Brown

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 19th, 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 December 5th, 2011 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Fleming, Berridge **NO:** None

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

City Clerk Schmitt asked the Council if it would be sufficient for them to be provided with the Check Register instead of the Payable Journal for payable approvals. The Council agreed with a show of hands that the Check Register would suffice.

Schmitt also explained about a needed transfer between the Sewer Bank Account and the General Bank Account in the amount of \$19295.00. This money was paid to EBH out of the General Account and should have been written out of the Sewer Account.

Mayor Gladden confirmed the payable to the Fountain People for the Water Park was a 50% down payment.

Motion to approve the December 19th payables was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council McLemore. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, **NO:** None

CITY ATTORNEY Stan Juhnke – Absent

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS

The Council entered into discussion about the golf cart ordinance by reviewing a letter from the City attorney recommending the Council not waive the requirement for turn signals on golf carts due to the liability risk. Discussion ensued and the Council did not waive the requirement for turn signals on golf carts choosing to follow the advice of the City attorney.

Council Member McLemore presented a Code/Ordinance Enforcement Procedure based on the City of Haven model. Council Member Russell made a motion to adopt the procedure as written. Council Member Fleming seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, **NO:** None
The procedure will be posted on the City cable TV channel.

NEW BUSINESS – None

OFFICERS REPORT

Council Member Koon thanked everyone for the cards, emails and flowers he received while in the hospital.

Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes reported on the cost of replacing the street signs which needs to be completed by year 2015 by law. The cost will run \$40 per double intersection sign and \$6 per bracket.

Gomes continued and reported that he and the City Clerk met with the accountant to set aside money for the upcoming street sign project as well as other projects that will be needed.

Gomes explained that all the Maintenance workers are enrolled in waste water collections classes and one is enrolled in waste water operator classes which will be through Salina Tech with the classes being taken in Hutchinson. The classes are 16 weeks long and will be paid for through scholarships in the amount of \$6500.00.

Gomes gave an update on the progress with the Water Park.

Gomes reported on a problem with the sewer lines sanding in and having to bring in a pumper truck which the Mayor was informed of. The lines with the problem are on the south side of the City and are not any of the lines that were addressed during the sewer improvement project.

Gomes presented for the council's consideration a proposal for playground equipment which would be for the 3 to 5 year olds play area.

City Clerk Schmitt reported on looking into streamlining the accounts within the funds for the accounting software.

Mayor Gladden reported that Kenny Burgess requested he inform the Council that the December 26th Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled and the Council is invited to join the Planning Commission at their January 23rd meeting.

Mayor Gladden met with Roy at the bus barn about putting in the speed bump and Roy recommended having the Police watch the area instead. Gladden mentioned that the Police enforcement has been light due to Kelsey needing to take his vacation time before he loses it since it does not roll over to next year.

Council Member Russell thanked City Clerk Schmitt and Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes for planning the employee appreciation dinner. Mayor Gladden also reported that the City will be sending the cooks who provided the dinner a gift certificate since they provided an excellent meal along with homemade bread and pies.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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