

**CITY OF NICKERSON
15 N. NICKERSON
NICKERSON, KS 67561**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 21, 2015

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

COUNCIL: Jon Rohling – President, Brad Berridge, Trent Gilbert, Jane Jenkins,
Angela Cottrell

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

ROLL CALL: Berridge, Gilbert, Jenkins, Cottrell

ABSENT: Rohling,

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2015 at Nickerson City Hall.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Jenkins and Council Member Berridge to adjourn the regular Council meeting for 10 minutes in order to open the CDGB Grant Evaluation Hearing. Motion carried by show of hands.

The Regular City Council meeting was called back to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2015 at Nickerson City Hall.

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

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Cottrell and Council Member Jenkins to approve the November 16, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Jenkins, Gilbert, Cottrell **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Jenkins and Council Member Cottrell to approve the Agenda as written. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Gilbert, Cottrell, Berridge, Jenkins, **NO**

Mayor Gladden confirmed that the payable for Mag Chloride was for dust control.

Motion to approve the December 21, 2015 Payables was made and seconded by Council Member Gilbert and Council Member Berridge. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Gilbert, Jenkins, Berridge, Cottrell **NO:** None

ABSTAIN:

CITY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Angela Richard asked the Council to consider her for the vacant Ward 3 Council seat. Angela has lived in Nickerson for 7 years and is a CPA currently working for the City of Hutchinson as the assistance finance director and is training for the finance director position. She has experience auditing municipalities, helping with budgets and determining compliance with Kansas statutes. The discussion of the open position will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Center Rental Discussion and Revised Agreement – Clerk Schmitt presented the revised rental agreement which removed the choice of rooms since the small room will be turned into a recreation area.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Cottrell to approve the new community center rental agreement. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Jenkins, Berridge, Cottrell Gilbert, **NO:**

Abstain

Council Member Jenkins pointed out additional items that she noticed are missing when she rented and visited the Community Center. These items include hooks on the bathroom stall doors for coats and purses, trash cans in the large room and a baby changing station. Jenkins also suggested art work on the walls which would help dampen the noise. Clerk Schmitt informed the Council that Linda Golding said the Idona Club would donate up to \$300 for a baby changing station. Clerk Schmitt will order the items and the maintenance crew will do the installation.

NEW BUSINESS

Lagoon Discussion – Superintendent Gomes reported to the Council that since the completion of the lagoons the discharge to the river that is tested and sent to KDHE has failed on several occasions; more failing than passing. Sometime back KDHE notified the City that the tests were failing the limits and we started looking for a resolution. We hired independent contractor Dale Vanderhoof with WWWater who gave suggestions on what to do to correct the issue. After finding that there was no change Gomes contacted Jeff Lamfers, a consultant for Rural Water Association who contacted the engineering firm, EBH, and they sent a representative who also made suggestions. Shortly thereafter, the Environmental Protection Agency came and did an inspection; we should get the results in about 4 months. In the meantime, the EBH engineer contacted

KDHE and was told that the problem appears to be the lagoon liners and the suggestion is to cover the outbox because the algae is unable to adhere to the black vinyl liners so it is forced to grow in the outbox where the samples are taken. We have covered the grates on the outbox so no light can get in and cause algae to grow. Hopefully in three months the testing will pass the limits and if not then there will need to be more research. A lagoon this size for a town this size should operate solely with no intervention but in this case it is not, so it may be the liner, the design, the size; we just don't know.

Reno County Water Festival Donation – The City of Nickerson has donated \$100 to the Water Festival for the past few years.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Jenkins to donate \$100 to the Reno County Water Festival. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Cottrell, Berridge, Jenkins, Gilbert, **NO: Abstain:**

Request to Close City Hall for Christmas Eve – Clerk Schmitt requested to close City Hall on Christmas Eve on behalf of the City employees.

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Cottrell and Council Member Berridge to close City Hall on Christmas Eve. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Jenkins, Berridge, Cottrell, Gilbert, **NO: Abstain:**

Executive Session (Personnel) 10 minutes. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Jenkins and Council Member Gilbert to recess into executive session. Motion carried by a show of hands. 7:27 p.m.

Mayor Gladden called the meeting back to order. No action was taken. 7:37 p.m.

OFFICER REPORTS

Cottrell – thanked the City crew for getting the water pressure back up when the wells failed and loves all the festivities that are going on in the community and the Christmas lights.

Jenkins – also thanked the City crew for the work on the water towers when the wells failed and loves hearing the music from Berridge's IGA and wanted to let Jon know that the bathroom tile in City Hall looks nice too.

Gilbert – thanked the City crew for all of their work and thanked Brent Berridge for putting up the snowflakes in town and Janis Berridge with the Chamber for rebuilding the snowflake lights each year.

Berridge – thanked the City crew for cleaning the cemetery after the storms and thanked the City office crew for doing a good job as well. It's been a good year with no complaints and we have good employees.

Mayor Gladden – reported that the snowflake light on the corner by the bank is out. Council Member Berridge said it will need an electrician to fix it. Mayor Gladden will let Superintendent Gomes know to contact an electrician for the snowflake.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Gilbert to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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