

# NICKERSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 21, 2024, 5:30 PM City Hall 15 N Nickerson Street

- Pledge of Allegiance  
The council and audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Call to Order  
Mayor Ruebke called the Monday, October 21, 2024, council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- Roll Call  
PRESENT - Berridge, Willhaus, Murphy, Richard ABSENT - Rohling Burris
- Consent Agenda
  - a) Meeting Minutes
  - b) Agenda
  - c) PayablesMotion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Willhaus to approve the consent agenda with the addition of new business item #4 Resignation of Council Member Rohling. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Richard, Berridge, Willhaus, Murphy NO – None
- City Attorney - each item limited to 15 minutes – Nothing to report
- Public Comments - limited to 5 minutes  
Wendy Skellenger with the Hutchinson Community Foundation invited the council and audience to the November 18th Love Where You Live workshop at the Community Center. The workshop will go over the recent survey results of the community. Wayne Boyles addressed the council with his desire to see 4 wheelers allowed on city streets. Wayne rides with his children to the river and would like ATVs to be legal so they can continue to do so. Deputy Morgan with the Reno County Sherriff's office advised of the current laws and what would change should council agree to allow them. Riders would still be required to have a valid driver's license to be legal and the ATV would have to be equipped with head and taillights and all riders would have to obey traffic laws. Taryn Haag spoke against the idea of legalizing ATVs due to the issues she is currently having with them in her neighborhood. Taryn doesn't feel that citizens were notified properly of such an important vote that will disturb the peace and make enjoying her property impossible. She challenged council to make good choices that take all citizens into consideration.
- Old Business - each item limited to 15 minutes

### **1. Use of ATVs on City Streets Discussion**

Clerk Beshears reported the survey results that the council requested be put on the city bills and Facebook page in October. The results were fourteen votes against allowing them and three votes to allow them. Mayor Ruebke reported the same results with citizens she spoke with. Council Member Berridge suggested allowing the citizens to make the choice themselves by putting the question on the spring ballot. Discussion ensued. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Murphy and Council Member Willhaus to direct city attorney Mark Tremaine to draft an ordinance allowing ATVs to operate on city streets following the golf cart ordinance already established. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Murphy, Berridge, Willhaus NO – Richard

- New Business - each item limited to 15 minutes

### **1. Last Call Bar and Grill Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewal**

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Murphy to approve the renewal of Last Call Bar and Grill Cereal Malt Beverage License. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Willhaus, Murphy, Richard, Berridge NO - None

### **2. Tree Replacement at Nickerson Street and Railroad Avenue**

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Richard to purchase and have planted a Black Hills Spruce from Bornholdt Plant Land and direct maintenance to remove the current tree. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Willhaus, Murphy, Richard, Berridge NO – None

### **3. Bucket Truck Purchase Request (Permission to Bid and Max Bid)**

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Willhaus and Council Member Richard to allow Casey to bid on the 1995 Bucket Truck on Purple Wave up to \$30,000. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Berridge, Willhaus, Murphy, Richard NO – None

### **4. Resignation of Council Member Rohling**

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Willhaus and Council Member Richard to accept Council Member Rohling's resignation from City Council. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Richard, Berridge, Willhaus, Murphy NO – None

- Officers Report - each limited to 5 minutes

Murphy

Commented on how nice the new sidewalk looks.

Willhaus

Reported that Jake Daily is halfway done with the cemetery tree removal.

Richard

Questioned when the water park would be shut down for the winter. Maintenance supervisor Casey Hartman stated they would be working on getting it winterized over the next few days.

Berridge

Nothing to report.

Administration

Nothing to report.

Mayor

Thanked the council for allowing her to attend the League of Kansas Municipalities annual conference and informed them that she is now serving as a representative for the South-Central region in the Kansas Mayors Association.

- **Adjournment**

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Murphy to adjourn at 6:16 p.m. Motion passed by a show of hands.