NICKERSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

• Pledge of Allegiance

Council and audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

Mayor Ruebke called the Monday, April 15, 2024, council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT - Berridge, Willhaus, Burris, Murphy, Richard ABSENT - Rohling

- Consent Agenda
 - a) Meeting Minutes
 - b) Agenda
 - c) Payables

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Murphy to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Richard, Berridge, Willhaus, Burris, Murphy NO – None

- City Attorney each item limited to 15 minutes Nothing to report.
- Public Comments limited to 5 minutes No public comments.
- Old Business each item limited to 15 minutes None.
- New Business each item limited to 15 minutes.

1. EMS Interim Director Appointment

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Burris and Council Member Berridge to approve the appointment of Jake Daily as Interim EMS Director for a period of 3 months. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Murphy, Richard, Berridge, Willhaus, Burris NO – None

2. NHS Senior Class Road Closure Request

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Willhaus to close South Speare Street from West Avenue A to West Avenue G on April 24th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Burris, Murphy, Richard, Berridge, Willhaus NO – None

3. Chamber Road Closure Request for KND

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Burris and Council Member Murphy to close North Nickerson Street from Railroad Avenue to West Avenue B on Friday, May 26th from 5p.m. to 11p.m. And Nickerson Street from Railroad

Avenue to West Avenue F on Saturday, May 27th from 10a.m. to 11a.m. for the parade. And West Avenue A, South Kent, and West Avenue G surrounding the baseball field on Saturday, May 27th from 3p.m. to 11p.m. for the fireworks display. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Willhaus, Burris, Murphy, Richard, Berridge NO – None

• Officers Report - each limited to 5 minutes

Willhaus

Questioned the cemetery tree removal schedule. Council Member Berridge reported that Corwin Tree Service was out and removed a couple of trees but that equipment repairs have slowed him down. He will get back on them once he's up and running again.

Burris

Thanked the council for allowing him to call in for the meeting and wished Clerk Beshears continued recovery from a recent illness.

Berridge

Placed a request from citizens to have the cemetery sprayed for weeds. Jake Daily reported that the chemicals are harsh on granite and will deteriorate the headstones. He is not comfortable spraying under his license and being responsible for that kind of liability. Council agreed with Jake not spraying and to keeping the cemetery mowed and weeded.

Murphy

Wished Clerk Beshears continued recovery from illness and requested that maintenance look at and remove any damaging branches on the tree at the library. Clerk Beshears will put in a work order.

Richard

Nothing to report.

Administration

Clerk Beshears reported that a complaint ticket had been sent to a citizen regarding piled up brush on the property. Several complaint tickets have been filed on the same property so there may need to be further action if nothing is done this time. Thanked council and Mayor Ruebke for working with a limited agenda and packet due to her being out all week with illness.

Mayor

Read a statement issued by Reno County Sheriff Department regarding the recent animal hoarding case in town. The city is working with the park owners and Mark Tremaine to take the next steps to get the mobile home removed. City inspector will issue a notice of intent to condemn.

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Willhaus to adjourn at 5:57 p.m. Motion passed by a show of hands.