

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2011**

MAYOR: Jim Gladden

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Robin Schmitt, Phyllis Richardson

GUESTS: Rick Sims, Dan Schmitt

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

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

ABSENT: Stan Juhnke

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 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 Brown to approve the May 16th Regular Minutes and the May 24th Special Meeting Minutes together. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge **NO:** None

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

Council Member McLemore confirmed with Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes had that the Storm Siren payable will be reimbursed through a grant at the rate of 25/75. Council Member Fleming confirmed that there are six

employees on the Health Insurance. Mayor Gladden confirmed with Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes that the new Honeywell Truline Recorder for the well should be installed by June 13th and the Park Gazebo was approved but not paid for yet. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Russell to approve the payables. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore, Fleming **NO:** None. Council Member Berridge abstained due to having a bill in the payables.

CITY ATTORNEY Stan Juhnke - not present

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

OLD BUSINESS

The Council approved the Audit Contract from Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd contingent upon Attorney Stan Juhnke's inspection and approval. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Berridge. The motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell **No:** None

Council Member Brown voiced concerns about issues with the Recreation Commission processes for obtaining board members and the need to bring back to Nickerson more sport involvement for the kids. Phyllis Richardson stated the Recreation Commission has made changes during their last meeting in June 2011 to address and correct issues with the sports here in Nickerson. Motion was made and seconded by Council Members Russell and Council Member McLemore to appoint Jessica Rice, April Beshears, Aaron Hoff, and Britt Rice to the Recreation Committee. The motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell **No:** None. Mayor Gladden appointed Travis Beshears as Director of the Recreation Commission. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member McLemore to approve the Mayor's appointment of Travis Beshears. Motion passed by a show of hands. No compensation was recommended for the balance of this year.

A workshop was scheduled for Tuesday, June 21st, 2011 at 7pm for coordinating dates for delinquent payments and delinquent hearing date and forming the committee.

The Council approved a donation of \$200 plus membership for the Nickerson Chamber of Commerce. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Brown. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Fleming, Berridge, McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown **NO:** None

NEW BUSINESS

The part time police are being paid \$10.80 an hour and Police Chief Kelsey is asking for \$12.10 an hour for the ones that are certified and do not have to be sent to training. Council decided to start the part time certified officers at \$10.80 then after a probationary period to be determined by Police Chief Kelsey their hourly wage would then be raised to the starting Patrolman wage which is currently \$12.10. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member McLemore and Council Member Fleming. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, McLemore **NO:** None

Rick Sims presented a project status report of projects he is currently working and asked for his rate to be raised from \$10.00 an hour to \$15.00 an hour. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Koon to raise Rick Sims rate to \$15.00 an hour. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** McLemore, Russell, Koon, Brown, Fleming, Berridge **NO:** None

OFFICERS REPORT

Council Member Koon discussed complaints received about Rick Sims having City business information on his laptop computer. It was confirmed that Rick Sims is bonded and has to have access to the information to complete his work for the City.

Council Member Russell asked about the no parking signs. Mayor Gladden confirmed with City Attorney Stan Juhnke that the signs can be put up as long as they are in two different places in the City. The Council decided to put up the signs and to include the library parking area. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Brown. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Fleming, Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore **NO:** None

Council Member Berridge thanked the Maintenance Department for their hard work on the Volleyball Courts and the Cemetery. Council Member Berridge also will discuss with Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes the bids he obtained for the basketball goals.

Council Member Fleming gave a report on the Memorial Service that was held at the Cemetery and thanked the Maintenance Department for how nice the Cemetery looked.

Council Member Brown thanked the Maintenance Department for all their efforts, the work is well done.

Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes gave his report and recapped that the Park Gazebo was started on the 4th and the new Honeywell Recorder for the well will go in on the 13th of June. The siren installation was to be on the 13th but is changed to the 20th. The Water Park final drawing and cost estimates are

expected to be ready for review by the 30th of June. Once the signs come in the speed bump will be installed. The Volleyball Courts should be completed this week. The laboratory building at the old treatment plant was discussed being used for storage for the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Gladden gave Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes the authority to allow it to be used for storage.

The Council discussed the electrical needs of the Park. A motion was made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Berridge to approve \$2300.00 to install new underground electrical conduit and wire to a new stand mounted panel to provide power for various functions at the Park. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Koon, Russell, McLemore, Berridge, Fleming **NO:** None

City Clerk Robin Schmitt reported that Karen Stewart from Data Team came in on Thursday June 2nd and assisted with getting the bank reconciliations caught up. City Clerk Robin Schmitt and Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes will attend KanCap on Tuesday June 7th in Hutchinson for training with KRWA. City Clerk Robin Schmitt will be in Arizona from June 24th to June 27th to visit her ill father-in-law.

Mayor Gladden reported that the Evidence room will be moved to the safe in the back of City Hall.

The Tractor Pull will be on July 16th.

There was a suggestion by the Engineers to buy the land that the pumps for the lagoon will be on and the land that leads to the pumps.

Rick Sims gave the Utility Collections Report.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Fleming and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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