

NICKERSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 21, 2025, 5:30 PM Nickerson 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 21, 2025, council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- Roll Call
PRESENT - Willhaus, Murphy, Richard, Daily, Berridge ABSENT – None
- Consent Agenda
 - a) Meeting Minutes
 - b) Agenda
 - c) PayablesMotion 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, Murphy NO – None ABSTAIN - Daily
- City Attorney - each item limited to 15 minutes
Reported to the council that the question of human remains being interned on private property has come up and should be discussed and what the City's stance on that issue will be so the ordinance can be written accordingly.
- Public Comments - limited to 5 minutes
Nate Hiatt addressed the council with his idea for purchasing land and creating a housing addition close to the K14 exchange. The ground would need to be annexed into the city limits and he would require assistance getting utilities to the area. The ground is up for auction so if the sale goes through, he will be back with a proposal.

Amber with Showalter Fireworks informed the council on SB-199 passed by Kansas allowing year-round sales of fireworks. Fireworks sold out of tents do not qualify for sales year-round so our current ordinance would stay in place. Should a brick-and-mortar building apply to start selling fireworks the ordinance would need to be changed at that time.
- Old Business - each item limited to 15 minutes – None
 - 1. Executive Session to Discuss Vacated Council Seat Appointment**
Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Willhaus to recess into executive session regarding appointments to the governing

body, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, with the open meeting to resume at 5:50pm. Motion passed by a show of hands. Mayor Ruebke called the meeting back to order at 5:50pm. No decisions were made.

2. Appointment of Council Member to Serve the Remainder of Council Member Rohling's Vacated Term

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Willhaus to appoint Sarah Gilbert to fill the open council member seat. Motion passed by the following vote: YES – Richard, Willhaus, Daily NO – Berridge, Murphy

- New Business - each item limited to 15 minutes

1. 2024 Audit Report

Christina Henson with the Loyd Group provided the 2024 audit report and ending year financial documents. The Recreation Commission received points for areas of concern that were not corrected from the 2023 audit. The city did not receive any points for their portion of the audit.

2. Appointment of City Treasurer

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Murphy and Council Member Daily to approve the mayor's appointment of Shiann Benson as City Treasurer. Motion passed by the following vote: YES – Berridge, Richard, Daily, Willhaus, Murphy, Gilbert NO - None

3. New Sale of Fireworks Law

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4. Cemetery Contract

The council would like copies of the current contract to review and discuss at the May 2025 meeting. Clerk Beshears will email that contract to all members.

5. Imagine IT Proposal to Migrate to .GOV Domain

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Willhaus to approve the Imagine IT proposal. Motion passed by the following vote: YES – Daily, Willhaus, Gilbert, Murphy, Richard, Berridge NO – None

6. Schedule Workshop on EMS Building and Equipment

The workshop was scheduled for Monday May 5th at 5:30pm

7. Intersection of North Nickerson Street and Thompson Complaint

Mayor Ruebke has taken several complaints on the condition of the intersection. This intersection has been discussed several times and is getting worse. Clerk Beshears was asked to reach out to engineers to see what it would cost to have plans drawn up so it can be sent out for bids.

- **Officer's Report - each limited to 5 minutes**

Berridge

Reported there is a stop sign missing at Thompson and 82nd and potholes that need repaired at Nickerson St and Old K96 and Paine St and Old K96. Thanked Officer Morgan for attending and Mark for his good work.

Richard

Thanked April for the audit report and the work being done on the software.

Murphy

Nothing to report

Daily

Nothing to report

Willhaus

Reported the cemetery has been mowed and limbs picked up

Mayor

Expressed appreciation for Deputy Morgan and Aryn Hedrick with Planning and Zoning for attending the meeting. Reported that the city-wide garage sales are on May 3rd and dumpsters will be provided for cleaning up that weekend as well. Thanked April for her hard work keeping the financials in order and shared the Tree City USA placard with the council.

- **Adjournment**

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Willhaus to adjourn at 6:22 pm. Motion passed by a show of hands.