

NICKERSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 18, 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, August 18, 2025, council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- Roll Call
PRESENT - Willhaus, Richard, Daily, Berridge, Murphy, Gilbert ABSENT – None
- Consent Agenda
 - a) Meeting Minutes
 - b) Special Meeting Minutes
 - c) Agenda
 - d) PayablesMotion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Murphy to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Berridge, Richard, Murphy, Willhaus, Gilbert NO – None ABSTAIN - Daily
- City Attorney - each item limited to 15 minutes – Nothing to report
- Public Comments - limited to 5 minutes - None
- Old Business - each item limited to 15 minutes – None

1. Community Center Rental Rates

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Willhaus to change the Community Center rental rates to \$75.00 for 4 hours and \$150.00 for all day and to increase the rental deposit to \$150.00. Council Member Murphy questioned if separate rates would apply to citizens. Discussion ensued and it was determined it would be too difficult to keep track of the separate rates. Clerk Beshears will flag the rentals already on the books so that they are charged the rate they were told when they booked, and all new rentals will be the new rate. Motion passed by the following vote: YES – Richard, Berridge, Daily, Willhaus, Gilbert NO – Murphy

- New Business - each item limited to 15 minutes

1. City Appointment

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Murphy to approve the appointment of Keaton Brubaker to Planning and Zoning.

Motion passed by the following vote: YES – Berridge, Gilbert, Richard, Willhaus, Murphy
NO – None

2. Executive Session

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Willhaus to recess into executive session regarding the city clerk position, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel; to include the city attorney; with the open meeting to resume at 5:47 p.m. in the city council chambers. Motion passed by the following vote: YES – Willhaus, Berridge, Daily, Richard, Murphy, Gilbert NO – None

Mayor Ruebke called the open meeting back to order at 5:47 p.m. No decisions were made.

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

Berridge

Thanked the maintenance staff, April, Mayor Ruebke and Mark, for their work.

Murphy

Expressed appreciation to the maintenance staff for the street sweeping and to the fire station for their quick response to the gas leak.

Richard

Welcomed Sarah Schrag to the city staff.

Daily

Nothing to report.

Willhaus

Informed council that the water line was in at the new fire station and that the cemetery had been mowed twice and limbs were cleaned up.

Staff

Josh expressed his desire to bid on the cemetery contract once the current one expires at the end of September. He confirmed he would do it on his own time and would give up his current cemetery contract in Burrton to dedicate the time needed to Wildmead.

Mayor

Nothing to report.

- **Adjournment**

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Daily to adjourn at 5:51 pm. Motion passed by a show of hands.