

NICKERSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 17, 2025, 5:30 PM Nickerson Community Center 11 N Nickerson Street

- Pledge of Allegiance
Council and audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance
- Call to Order
Mayor Ruebke called the Monday, February 17, 2025, council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- Roll Call
PRESENT - Willhaus, Murphy, Richard, Daily ABSENT – Berridge
- 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. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Richard, Daily, Willhaus, Murphy NO – None
- 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

1. New Fire Station Requested Assistance

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Willhaus to approve up to \$10,000 for culverts and waived building permit fees for the Fire District 3 station build. Motion passed by the following vote: YES – Murphy, Richard, Willhaus NO – Daily

2. Ordinance on Council Ward Discussion

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Daily and Council Member Richard to adopt Ordinance 2025-01 allowing for council members to be elected at large. Council Member Murphy expressed his concerns over certain neighborhoods not being represented equally. Motion passed by the following vote: YES – Richard, Daily, Willhaus NO - Murphy

- New Business - each item limited to 15 minutes

1. Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Willhaus to recess into executive session regarding employee performance evaluations, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel; to include the city clerk, with the open meeting to resume at 5:47 pm. Motion passed by a show of hands. Mayor Ruebke called the meeting back to order at 5:47 pm. No decisions were made. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Murphy to increase Clerk Brown's hourly wage by \$1.00 as a merit raise. Motion passed by the following vote: YES – Willhaus, Richard, Murphy, Daily NO – None

2. Emergency Management Mitigation

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Murphy to adopt Resolution 2025-02. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Murphy, Richard, Daily, Willhaus NO - None

3. Snowplow F-250 Blade Attachment

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Willhaus to purchase item number 4 of the Kansas Truck snowplow quote in the amount of \$7696.00. Motion passed by the following vote: YES – Richard, Murphy, Daily, Willhaus NO - None

- **Officers Report - each limited to 5 minutes**

Murphy

Thanked the maintenance crew for the speedy and efficient snow removal last week and let the office staff know his thoughts were with them as they work through the software issue and dealing with citizens to help them understand the process.

Daily

Ditto to Council Member Murphy's report

Willhaus

Reported that more complaints have been received about the property at H & Paine still has the front door wide open. Clerk Beshears will reach out to the owners again and will resolve the issue if there is no response.

Richard

Agreed with the great job the crew did on removing snow and April and Lynette for getting their work done without any software. Thanked Peggy for the hours she puts in of her own time, attending trainings and staying on top of things.

Administration

Clerk Beshears thanked Peggy for always making sure staff is safe and healthy. She is greatly appreciated.

Mayor

Reported that Josh was out doing snow removal at 5:00 a.m. last week and will plan to do the same with the incoming storm.

- Adjournment

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Willhaus and Council Member Daily to adjourn at 6:07 pm. Motion passed by a show of hands.