

# NICKERSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 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, July 15, 2024, council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

- Roll Call

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

- Consent Agenda

- a) June 17, 2024, Meeting Minutes
- b) June 20, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes
- c) Agenda with addition of 5. Resolution 2024-02
- d) July 15, 2024, Payables

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Murphy to approve the consent agenda with the addition of 5. Resolution 2024-02. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Richard, Berridge, Rohling, Willhaus, Murphy NO – None

- City Attorney - *each item limited to 15 minutes*

- Public Comments - *limited to 5 minutes*

Ryan Walton expressed his concerns about the Nickerson Recreation Commission and the way the tax dollars are being spent. It is his opinion that the funds should be spent on other activities rather than paying the YMCA or Hutchinson Recreation for the kids to participate in their sporting events. He has been following the Nickerson Recreation for over a year and hasn't seen any benefit to the Nickerson community or any improvements to the ball facilities.

- Old Business - *each item limited to 15 minutes*

## 1. Cemetery Tree Update

Motion made by Council Member Berridge to allow the maintenance crew time to take down trees before sending the job out to bid. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Willhaus to instruct Casey to determine the 20 worst trees and get quotes to have them removed. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Murphy, Richard, Rohling, Willhaus NO – Berridge

- New Business - *each item limited to 15 minutes*

## **1. Notice of Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate**

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Murphy to approve the notice to exceed the revenue neutral rate and allow Clerk Beshears to submit to the Reno County Clerk. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Willhaus, Murphy, Richard, Berridge, Rohling NO – None

## **2. First Impression Proposal**

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Richard to allow Mayor Ruebke to apply to the First Impressions Community Project through the K-State Research and Extension office. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Rohling, Willhaus, Murphy, Richard, Berridge NO – None

## **3. Ordinance 2024-03 Establishing a Tree Board**

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Murphy to adopt Ordinance 2024-03 establishing a tree board. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Berridge, Rohling, Willhaus, Murphy, Richard NO – None

## **4. Alley Closure Request for KND**

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Berridge to approve the alley closure between North Peabody and North Burr from West Avenue d to West Avenue E for Klear Nearly Days on July 26, 2024 to July 28, 2024. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Richard, Berridge, Rohling, Willhaus, Murphy NO – None

## **5. Resolution 2024-02 Allowing ATVs on City Streets for the July 28, 2024, Poker Run**

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to adopt Resolution 2024-02 allowing ATVs to operate on city streets for the July 28, 2024, Poker Run. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Berridge, Rohling, Willhaus, Murphy, Richard NO - None Council Member Richard asked that notice be put out that it is only for the one day.

- Officers Report - each limited to 5 minutes

Rohling

Questioned if the K96 resurfacing project was going to interfere with Klear Nearly Days. Mayor Ruebke stated that the project was already delayed once to not interfere with harvest so she's not sure they can reschedule again. His concern is where the equipment will be parked.

Murphy

Nothing to report.

Berridge

Had a citizen request the addition of park equipment for older kids and that the council meetings be televised. Thanked the maintenance staff for working out in the heat and the office staff and Mayor for the work they do.

Willhaus

Reported that Jake Daily just finished getting the cemetery mowed and that the sidewalk at the park that was repaired looks nice.

Richard

Nothing to report.

Administration

Clerk Beshears reported that the bank restructured the two CDs the city has with them to increase the percentage rate.

Mayor

Is working on a couple of different projects and will report back when she has more information.

- Adjournment

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Motion passed by a show of hands.