

NICKERSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 16, 2026, 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, March 16, 2026, council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- Roll Call
PRESENT - Willhaus, Daily, Berridge, Gilbert, ABSENT – Richard, Murphy
- Consent Agenda
 - a) Meeting Minutes
 - b) Agenda
 - c) PayablesMotion made and seconded by Council Member Willhaus and Council Member Gilbert to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Berridge, Willhaus, Gilbert, Daily, NO – None
- City Attorney - each item limited to 15 minutes – Nothing to report
- Public Comments - limited to 5 minutes – Danielle Stiffler with KS for Vets spoke about the wreaths across America program. Deadline to purchase wreaths is December 1st. Wreaths will be delivered December 15th. Danielle also spoke about the can cages they place to help raise money for assisting vets in Kansas. Loyd Farr was present to discuss the parking issue on East Avenue A where two vehicles cannot pass each other because of a mud hole that prevents the homeowners from parking further off the street.
- Old Business - each item limited to 15 minutes – None
- New Business - each item limited to 15 minutes

1. Large Wing Mower – Repair or Replace

The large wing mower is older and getting harder for parts to be located for repairs. The current diesel leak repair will cost roughly \$2500.00 and take approximately 5 weeks to get repaired. Discussion ensued. Council Member Daily requested that the maintenance department go through their equipment and create a five-year plan so that purchases like this have more time for research. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Daily and Council Member Willhaus to purchase the new Hustler mower from Fairview Services for \$28,766.16. Motion passed by the following vote: YES – Gilbert, Daily, Willhaus, Berridge NO - None

2. No Parking Signs on Avenue H

Council agreed to table the issue to allow Mayor Ruebke time to discuss the parking issue with the homeowners to see if they can resolve the issue. Item will be on the May agenda if no solutions are agreed to.

3. Chamber Street Closure Request

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Willhaus and Council Member Berridge to close Nickerson Street on Saturday, June 6th starting at 9:30am from Avenue E to Avenue H until the parade ends. Saturday, June 6th starting after the parade ends from Avenue C to Railroad Avenue until 5:00pm. Saturday, June 6th starting at 6:00pm from Avenue B to Railroad Avenue until 11:30pm. Saturday, October 24th starting at 4:00pm from Avenue B to Railroad Avenue until 7:00pm Motion passed by the following vote: YES – Gilbert, Berridge, Daily, Willhaus NO – None

4. Recreation Commission Appointments

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Daily to approve appointing Bryan Montoya -4yrs, Trevon Jones -3yrs, Jailyn Jones – 2yrs, and Shiann Benson – 1yr to the Nickerson Recreation Commission. Motion passed by the following vote: YES – Willhaus, Daily, Gilbert, Berridge NO – None

5. Purple Wave Auction Items for Approval

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Daily and Council Member Willhaus to list the sewer pump truck, the brown 2007 Ford F150, sand spreader, and the wing mower. Motion passed by the following vote: YES – Daily, Willhaus, Gilbert, Berridge NO - None

- Officer's Report - each limited to 5 minutes

Willhaus

Reported that mowing and trimming has started at the cemetery.

Daily

Nothing to report.

Gilbert

Nothing to report.

Berridge

Nothing to report.

Administration

Clerk Beshears will be on vacation Wednesday through Friday this week.

Mayor

Reported that Engineering Consultants is preparing a quote and choices for repairs on the intersection by the elementary school. Seedlings have been ordered for the Arbor Day tree planting project happening with the elementary school 4th graders.

- Adjournment

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Willhaus to adjourn at 6:19 pm. Motion passed by a show of hands.