

City of Nickerson Council Meeting

15 N. Nickerson
Nickerson, KS 67561

Monday, February 22, 2021

MAYOR: Peggy Ruebke

COUNCIL: Brad Berridge – President, Jon Rohling, Jose Ahrens, Angela Richard, Jane Jenkins, Tom Burris

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

ROLL CALL: Ahrens, Rohling, Jenkins, Richard, Berridge

ABSENT: Burris

The Regular City Council meeting scheduled for February 15, 2021 was recessed to February 22, 2021 due to severe weather conditions. The recessed meeting was called to order by Mayor Ruebke at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021 at Nickerson City Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, AGENDA, & PAYABLES

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Jenkins and Council Member Rohling to approve the January 18, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Jenkins, Richard, Berridge, Rohling, Ahrens **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Ahrens to approve the January 27, 2021 Floodplain Hearing Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Jenkins, Richard, Berridge, Rohling, Ahrens **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Richard to approve the January 27, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Jenkins, Richard, Berridge, Rohling, Ahrens **NO:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Jenkins and Council Member Ahrens to approve the Agenda as written. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Ahrens, Richard, Rohling, Berridge, Jenkins, **NO:** None

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Ahrens and Council Member Richard to approve the February 22, 2021 Payables. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Ahrens, Richard, Berridge, Rohling, **NO:** None **Abstain:** Jenkins,

CITY ATTORNEY – Not present

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session to Discuss Non-elected Personnel – Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Ahrens to recess into executive session to discuss job performance of non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) at 7:04pm for 10 minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands.

Council resumed in open meeting at 7:14p.m. No decisions were made.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Jenkins and Council Member Rohling to promote Casey Hartman to Maintenance Supervisor with a \$.60 per hour wage increase. Motion passed by the following vote: **YES:** Richard, Berridge, Rohling, Ahrens, Jenkins **NO:** None

1% Sales Tax Sewer Cured in Place Pipe Proposal – Motion made and seconded by Council Member Ahrens and Council Member Richard to accept the sewer repair proposal from Utility Maintenance Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$69,397.50 to be paid with the remainder of the sewer re-funding bond repair fund and the 1% sales tax fund. Motion passed by the following vote: **YES:** Rohling, Ahrens, Jenkins, Berridge, Richard **NO:** None

Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd Engagement Letter – Motion made and seconded by Council Member Ahrens and Council Member Rohling to authorize Mayor Ruebke to sign the engagement letter with Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd for the 2022 budget preparation. Motion passed by the following vote: **YES:** Richard, Berridge, Rohling, Ahrens, Jenkins **NO:** None

State Route Transfer (Turnback) Agreement – Motion made and seconded by Council Member Jenkins and Council Member Rohling to authorize Mayor Ruebke to sign the Highway 96 Turnback Agreement No. 25-21. Motion passed by the following vote: **YES:** Jenkins, Richard, Berridge, Rohling, Ahrens **NO:** None

OFFICER REPORTS

Rohling – Casey, Joe and Matt are doing an awesome job. Girls in the office are doing great, nothing but good reports on them. Thanked the Mayor for her dedication and thanked Casey for his assistance with the broke water meter at the Elementary school over the weekend.

Berridge – Provided a maintenance report from Casey – they are working on thawing water meters and sewer lines from the recent freeze, replacing broken meters due to freezing. Thankful Joe is ok after his accident last week. Thanked the Mayor for her hard work and April and Lynette for working from home during the freezing temperatures. Thanked Tim for his work at the cemetery and the Reno County Sheriff Officers/EMS/Fire Department for the services they provide to the city.

Ahrens – Confirmed citizens would be given a leak adjustment for running water during the freezing temperatures to keep meters from freezing.

Richard and Jenkins – Ditto to other Council reports.

Clerk Brown – Reported on two complaints received this month and the status of those complaints.

Mayor Ruebke – Shared the intersection study report completed on the Nickerson Street & Highway 96 intersection. April will email the report to council. Council Member Rohling expressed gratitude to Kristi Rohling with USD 309 for spearheading that project. Essdack has been communicating an interest in starting a training facility here in town. Thanked the maintenance crew for working out in the freezing temperatures and doing so safely. Thanked the girls in the office and Council for working hard for the city.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, motion made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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