**City of Nickerson Council Meeting**

15 N. Nickerson

Nickerson, KS 67561

**Monday, February 17, 2020**

**MAYOR:** Peggy Ruebke

**COUNCIL:** Brad Berridge – President, Jon Rohling, Jose Ahrens, Angela Richard,

Jane Jenkins, Tom Burris

**ATTORNEY:** Stan Juhnke

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

**ABSENT:**

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Ruebke at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 17, 2020 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 13, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes with corrections made to correct an error changing Mayor Gladden to Mayor Ruebke on Council Reports. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Richard, Berridge, Rohling, Burris, Ahrens, Jenkins **NO:** None

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

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Ahrens to approve the February 17, 2020 Payables. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Burris, Ahrens, Richard, Rohling, **NO:** None **Abstain:**  Jenkins, Berridge

**CITY ATTORNEY –** Not present

**PUBLIC COMMENTS –** Planning and Zoning Chair Aryn Hedrick reported that zoning is getting close to wrapping up the zoning book and comprehensive plan. A hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7:00pm to decide if a variance will be issued for a communication tower on the United Methodist Church property.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Extraterritorial Map** – Planning and Zoning Chair, Aryn Hedrick asked Council to approve a request to Reno County for zoning permissions over the following areas within the 3-Mile zone; Grant township West 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 & 10 outside City Limits, 11,12,14,15 & 16 outside City Limit, 17,22,23,26. Salt Creek Township North 7,8,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,26,27,28,29 excluding the southwest quarter, 26 excluding the southeast eighth, the northwest quarter of 33, north half of 34. Medford Township East half of sections 12 & 13 into Nickerson’s Extraterritorial Zoning. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Ahrens to allow Planning and Zoning to take the proposed ETZ to Reno County. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Richard, Berridge, Rohling, Ahrens, Jenkins **NO:** None **Abstain:**  Burris

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Stop Sign Additions** – Council Member Ahrens request Council to consider adding six additional stop signs to the intersections surrounding Weber Park to better protect the walkers who use the walking trail. Mayor Ruebke confirmed with the Reno County Sheriff liaison that the stop sign violations will be enforced by Reno County Sheriff Officers. Clerk Beshears shared her personal experience with walkers on the trail walking out into traffic without looking. Council Members Rohling and Berridge expressed concerns about stop sign number 5 stopping the West bound traffic near the CO-OP on West Avenue A. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Jenkins to install the proposed stop signs excluding stop signs number 5. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Burris, Ahrens, Jenkins, Richard, Berridge, Rohling, **NO:** None

**Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd Engagement Letter –** Mayor Ruebke confirmed that the letter of engagement is done annually to allow SJH&L to complete our yearly budget and audit. Motion was made and seconded by Council Members Rohling and Richard to allow Mayor Ruebke to sign the engagement letter. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES**: Burris, Ahrens, Berridge, Richard, Rohling, Jenkins **NO:** None

**Nickerson Trap Club Donation –** Larz Tuxhorn shared information on the Nickerson High School Trap Club and the annual banquet held to help raise funds. The Club is not funded through the High School so all the expenses such as ammunition, team shirts, tournament entry fees and so on are raised by the team members. Motion was made by Council Member Berridge and seconded by Council Member Richard to donate $100.00 to the Nickerson Trap Club. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES**: Rohling, Ahrens, Burris, Richard, Berridge, Jenkins **NO**: None

**City Shred Event** – Clerk Beshears explained that the new Stutzman contract provides for a city-wide shred event at no charge. Council Member Richard confirmed that Peoples Bank and Trust would partner with the City to provide volunteers for the event. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Rohling to plan a shred event through Stutzman Refuse. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES**: Berridge, Rohling, Burris, Jenkins, Richard **NO:** None

**Stutzman Refuse Proposal** – Stutzman Refuse proposed a seven-year contract for trash and recycle service. Clerk Beshears explained that in the current contract that runs through 2020 a scheduled increase of $.25 will happen in May. The proposed contract would void the current contract and allow Stutzman’s to lock the current rate for 2020 and 2021. A rate increase of $.25 would happen each year of the remaining 5 years. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rohling and Council Member Jenkins to sign the new seven-year agreement. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES**: Berridge, Rohling, Burris, Jenkins, Richard **NO:** None

**Chamber Street Closure Request** – Chamber President, Donna Phillips presented Council with a map of the requested street closures for the Klear Nearly Day festival on July 24th and 25th. All events except the parade and street dance will be held in Weber Park. The streets requested to close are S. Speare and S. Burr from W. Avenue A to W. Avenue G and Avenue G from Nickerson St. to S. Speare. Motion was made by Council Member Rohling to purchase the John Deere tractor and the claw attachment seconded by Council Member Burris. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Richard, Berridge, Rohling, Burris, Jenkins **NO:** Ahrens

**Planning and Zoning Appointment** – Mayor Ruebke nominates Brent Ruebke to fill the seat she vacated when voted in as Mayor. Council Member Rohling confirmed that the conflict of interest had been researched and there is no conflict with a spouse of the Mayor sitting on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion made by Council Member Ahrens and seconded by Council Member Jenkins to approve the appointment of Brent Ruebke to Planning and Zoning. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES**: Berridge, Rohling, Jenkins, Richard **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:** Burris

**Meeting Time Change** – Mayor Ruebke asked Council’s views on moving the meeting time up to 6:00pm in order to condense the amount of time Clerk Beshears had to wait after closing the office at 5:00pm. Council member Rohling expressed concerns due to his work schedule he would not be available at 6:00pm. Council Member Jenkins suggested that Clerk Beshears adjust her schedule on meeting nights to come in later in the morning and work through until the meeting. Clerk Beshears stated that it is not problem and with meetings only being one night a month the usual time of 7:00pm will not be a problem. No motions were made.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Rohling** – Thanked April and Lynette for their work and the Crew for doing an outstanding job. Thanked Aryn and Planning and Zoning for all of the time they have put into updating the map and comprehensive plan. Thanked the Chamber for their hard work. Also thanked the Reno County Sheriff Liaison for attending the meeting.

**Berridge** – Thanked the Reno County Sheriff for the service they provide the City. Thanked the Chamber and Planning and Zoning for their hard work. Thanked the girls in the office for helping customers get through tough times. Thanked the Maintenance Crew for sanding during the recent icy weather.

**Richard** – Nothing to report at this time

**Burris** – Thanked the Sheriff for the extra presence in town. Thanked the Chamber and the Maintenance Crew for working so hard with just the two of them.

**Jenkins** – Ditto.

**Ahrens** – Thanked Clerk Beshears for assisting him in his street sign presentation.

**Clerk Beshears** – Informed Council and the public that the annual pet clinic will be held on Saturday, March 28th from 10-Noon at the maintenance shop. The vet will be on site to administer vaccines and Lynette will be there to register pets with the City.

**Mayor Ruebke** – Thanked the Reno County Sheriff Liaison for showing up for the meeting. Thanked Donna Phillips with the Chamber and expressed her approval of moving the event to Weber Park where more shade will be available. Thanked Larz Tuxhorn for coming to present last minute. Thanked Aryn for his work on the Zoning. Gave kudos to April and Lynette for dealing with difficult situations all with a smile on their faces. Acknowledged what a great job the maintenance crew has been doing and thanked them for stepping up to the plate. Thanked the City Council for their time and service.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,** motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rohling to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried by show of hands.

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