

**City of The Highlands**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, 6:00 p.m., October 25, 2021**  
**Nickerson City Hall, 15 N. Nickerson St., Nickerson, KS 67561**

**Social Distancing and hand sanitizing are required, masks are strongly encouraged.**

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

- A. Welcome by Mayor Carol Moore
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call of Council Members by the City Clerk:
  - Council Members Present: Butch Neel, Jeff Jackson, Jennalee Boggs, Brian McElgunn and Greig Sims.
  - City Clerk: Cindy Dale
  - Guest: Peggy Williford and Ron Sellers

**II. Approval of the Agenda as presented.**

- **Butch Neel motioned to approve Agenda as presented, seconded by Greig Sims. Motion passed.**

**III. Public Comments:**

- A. Peggy Williford
  - 1. Bornholdt Plantland is installing the stone at the front entrance. The quoted price should be the same for the material, but labor costs will probably be more than originally quoted.
  - 2. Need to hire someone to put up the Christmas lights at the entrance.
    - Peggy provided a copy of a flyer from a company that puts up lights, Brian McElgunn said he could call them for a quote to put up lights.
    - Randy Miller will get a quote from Jason Rose to put up the lights.
- B. Ron Sellers, Reno County Commissioner explained the benefit of having 5 commissioners and instead of 3 commissioners.
  - Reno County has a budget of \$80,000,000 and only 3 commissioners managing the budget.
  - Five commissioners provide a more diverse points of view.
  - The 5 commissioners will be paid the same total amount of pay. The county would take what is paid to 3 commissioners and divide it by 5 and pay each commissioner \$10,800 per year.
  - A minimum of 3 commissioners (majority of the five board members) compared to the current majority of 2 members, would be needed for decisions.
  - If one commissioner become ill, county would only have 2 to conduct county business.
  - If measure passes, election of 5 commissioners will be in general election in November 2022 and new commissioners would be seated in January of 2023.

**IV. Approval of minutes:** October 11, 2021, regular meeting.

- **Butch Neel motioned to accept October 11, 2021, as presented, seconded by Jeff Jackson. Motion passed.**

**V. Reports**

- A. Mayor
  - 1. Mayor was notified that the City of The Highlands will receive an additional \$141.96 of the American Rescue Funds returned to the State of Kansas.

- B. Treasurer
    - 1. Brian McElgunn updated the Treasurer’s report to show money transferred from General Fund to Park and Recreation Fund. Park and Recreation Fund balance is \$3,469.45
  - C. AZC report
    - 1. Building permits: Mo Penny is waiting on information from all three (Mike Miller, Matt Graber, and Chelsey Yeakel), before the application process can begin.
    - 2. Powered by Me will start Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 1200 block of West Snokomo and continue south to Crazy Horse. Powered by Me has completed repairs from Paganica Pass north. Total repairs of 109 horizontal cracks are \$18,050. PBM will not send billing until they reach Crazy Horse.
    - 3. Dig Safe has checked all the flagged areas.
    - 4. Backflow preventer has been installed in entrance. Butch Neel got a price of \$122 to purchase an insulated imitation stone to cover backflow preventer.
- **Jennalee Boggs motioned, seconded by Jeff Jackson, to approve purchasing the stone for \$122 to cover backflow preventer. Motion passed.**

**VI. Unfinished Business**

- A. Resolution 2021-0073 Appointment of FEMA Official
  - **Jeff Jackson motioned to approve Resolution 2021-0073 Appointment of FEMA Official, seconded by Butch Neel. Motion passed.**
- B. Completion of the placement of the landscaping stone in front entrance could be done by the end of the week. Bornholdt sold some root stimulator to City for \$37 to be used on the plants that had been planted earlier—it is better than fertilizer going into the winter. It will be added to invoice.
- C. Clean up ROW. A city email will be sent to solicit volunteers to inspection ROW and make recommendations to the council.
- D. The deadline of November 10<sup>th</sup> is approaching for lot owners. Those who are cleaning lots need to be reminded that cleaning does not mean just cutting the dead trees down and leaving them on the ground. The trees need to be removed from property.

**VII. New Business**

- A. Warning letters will be sent to those who are in violation of Ordinance 2020-17 for unleashed animals.
  - **Jennalee Boggs made a motion to send a warning letter to the individual who is in violation, seconded by Butch Neel. Motion passed.**
- B. Greig Sims has been in contact with a consultant for paving of our roads. A Special Meeting will be called to share with citizens the consultant’s recommendations. The council members believe this assessment is necessary as a beginning step in the long-range planning for our city.

**VIII. As may arise**

**IX. 2021 Goals: Road repairs, vacant lot clean-up, signage, future drainage concerns**

**X. Motion to adjourn**

- **Motion made by Jeff Jackson and seconded by Butch Neel. Motion passed. Adjourned at 7:11 p.m.**