

City of The Highlands
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, 6:00 p.m., November 8, 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
 - ARZ: Mo Penny
 - Guests: Mark Kerschen, Kenny Nuss, Gary Graber

II. Approval of the Agenda as presented.

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

III. Public Comments:

- A. None

IV. Approval of minutes: October 25, 2021, regular meeting.

- **Jeff Jackson motioned to accept October 25, 2021 with the following change to V.C. 2 from “Total repairs of 109 total \$18,050” to “Total repairs of 109 horizontal cracks are \$18,050.”, as presented, seconded by Greig Sims. Motion passed.**

V. Reports

- A. Mayor
 - 1. Response to emails
 - Question about solar panels, they are allowed but must obtain necessary building permit and contact Ark Valley utility.
 - Joseph Turner, South Hutchinson Administrator, offered tasers for the City but council declined.
 - Volunteers will be notified by Mo Penny
 - Question about Kansas Statutes 15-204 Appointment of City Officers, addressed by City Ordinance 2018-03.
- B. Treasurer – no report
- 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 repair work at 1210 W. Snokomo going south toward Crazy Horse and hope get to the bad spots on Crazy Horse in front of the Crazy Horse Club House on Crazy Horse Dr.
 - 3. Two of the three signposts have been installed and progressing putting up signs.

VI. Unfinished Business

- A. Mo Penny will get more volunteers and get started identifying the right of ways that need to be cleaned first.
- B. November 10th is the deadline for cleaning lots per Ordinance 2021-23. This will be discussed at next meeting.
 - 1. Lot owners still in violation will be contacted by U.S. mail.
 - 2. Gary Graber is helping clean some of the lots near his home.
 - 3. Butch Neel will discuss with our attorney how the City can fine and access court costs of violations of Ordinance 2021-23

VII. New Business

- A. Developing a burn ordinance: City Council chose to table a burn ban ordinance.
- B. Greig Sims has been in contact with a consultant for paving of our roads. 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

- A. Councilman Greig Sims volunteered to bring his bucket truck and put up the Christmas lights sometime before Thanksgiving and plan to light them on Thanksgiving Day.

X. Motion to adjourn

- **Motion made by Jeff Jackson and seconded by Brian McElgunn. Motion passed. Adjourned at 6:57 p.m.**