

**City of Nickerson
15 N. Nickerson
Nickerson, KS 67561**

**Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, January 18, 2010**

Mayor: Bill Golding

Council: Nick Neahrng – President, Brian Rife, Marlene Smith, Skip Russell, Dale Brown,
Brad Berridge

Employees Present: Shari Anderson, April Addis, Mark Gomes, Phyllis Richardson

Guests: David Richardson, Aryn Hedrick, Amanda Stephenson, Teresa Rife, Bobbi Kelley,
Martin Gent, Leroy Eders, Becky Davis, Melinda Amack, Gordon Roth, Ken Stephens
(Hutchinson News)

Attorney: Mr. Henry was not at the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Neahrng, Rife, Smith, Berridge, Russell

Absent: Brown

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Golding at 7:00 p.m. on
Monday January 18, 2010 at Nickerson City Hall

Approval of Agenda, Minutes & Payables

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 04, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.** Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Neahrng to approve the minutes of the January 04, 2010 Council Meeting. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahrng, Rife, Smith, Berridge, Russell **NO:** None **ABSENT:** Brown
- 2. Approval of the Agenda without Additions.** Motion made and seconded by Council Member Neahrng and Council Member Rife to approve the agenda without any additions. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahrng, Berridge, Smith, Rife, Russell **NO:** None **ABSENT:** Brown
- 3. Approval of the January 18, 2010 Payables and 2009 Encumbrances.** Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Neahrng to approve the payables. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahrng, Rife, Berridge, Smith, Russell **NO:** None **ABSENT:** Brown

Council Member Brown came to the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Melinda Amack came to make a few comments about what was said in the Hutchinson News. The comments were do we have an official city spokesman, why is the city paying for expenses without knowing what they are for , Chief Eckhoff is friendly and Andy of Mayberry RFD is only on TV. The Mayor thanked her for coming and expressing her thoughts to the council.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Lagoon Update** – There was discussion about how to proceed with dewatering for the project. There were three ways the city could precede: (1) the city could wait and see if the water table goes down, (2) negotiate with the landowners around the project or (3) the contractor would go north and down 82nd Street. The Council told Mark to proceed with negotiating with the landowners around the project. Mark will get back with the council at their next meeting about negotiating with the landowners.
- 2. Web Page** – Council Member Rife updated everyone on the web page. Gilmore Solutions has received most of the information from the department heads. The Mayor has looked at the basic outline. Shari received a disk from the league with the ordinances and would work with Gilmore Solutions about having the code book on the web page.
- 3. Insurance Bid** – Shari informed the Council that she would send out the bid to five insurance brokers.
- 4. 2009 Transfers and Encumbrances** – Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Rife to approve the 2009 Transfers and Encumbrances. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Brown, Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Library Board Appointments** – The Mayor asked the Council to approve the following appointments to the Library Board: John Jackson, Betty Wyer, Beth Stange, Diana Krol, Irene Norman, Kathy Osborne, and Joyce Beam. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Neahring to approve the Library Board appointments. Motion carried with the following vote. **YES:** Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell, Rife, Brown **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

OFFICERS REPORT

Council Member Rife – He wanted to talk about donating to the Nickerson High School After Prom Party. Shari told the Council that they donated \$50 in 2007 and \$75 in 2009. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Neahring and Council Member Berridge to donate \$100 to the Nickerson High School After Prom Party. Motion carried with the following vote. **YES:** Berridge, Neahring, Russell, Rife, Brown, Smith **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Mark Gomes, Maintenance – He told the Council about the inspection at 100 South Nickerson Street. It is in poor shape and the building could not be secured. He would secure the doors so no one could get in that was not authorized to be in the house. He would update the Council about what is the next step for the city to take on this property.

Shari Anderson, Administration – She gave to the Council a radio ad bid for the prom. The Council discussed this matter and decided that not to use city money for this type of ad. She then talked to the Council about supporting the Reno County Growth Coalition with allocating \$597. The Council discussed this matter and also decided not to use city money towards the growth coalition.

Bill Golding, Mayor – He wanted to say something about the comments in the Hutchinson News. He said “don’t believe everything you read”.

There being no further business, motion made and seconded by Council Member Neahrng and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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