

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

**Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, February 01, 2010**

Mayor: Bill Golding

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

Employees Present: Shari Anderson, April Addis, Mark Gomes

Guests: Aryn Hedrick, Amanda Stephenson, Jim Kohlman (EBH)

Attorney: Mr. Henry was at the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Neahring, Rife, Smith, Berridge, Russell, Brown

Absent: None

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Golding at 7:00 p.m. on Monday February 01, 2010 at Nickerson City Hall

Approval of Agenda, Minutes & Payables

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 18, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.** Motion made and seconded by Council Member Neahring and Council Member Berridge to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2010 Council Meeting. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahring, Rife, Smith, Berridge, Russell, Brown **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None
- 2. Approval of the Agenda without Additions.** Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Neahring to approve the agenda with the following additions: (1) Executive Session (legal) for 20 minutes after approval of payables and (2) Executive Session (personnel) for 15 minutes after City Sold Recreation Equipment under New Business. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahring, Berridge, Smith, Rife, Russell, Brown **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None
- 3. Approval of the February 01, 2010 Payables.** There was a question about Pat's Keys and Locks. Mark Gomes explained this payable to the Council. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Russell to approve the payables. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahring, Rife, Berridge, Smith, Russell **NO:** None **ABSENT:** Brown

Executive Session (legal) for 20 minutes. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Berridge to recess into executive session for twenty minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Golding called the meeting back to order. No action was taken. 7:28 p.m.

Executive Session (legal) for 15 minutes. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Golding called the meeting back to order. No action was taken. 7:44 p.m.

Executive Session (legal) for 5 minutes. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Neahrng to recess into executive session for five minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Golding called the meeting back to order. No action was taken. 7:50 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY – Mr. Henry told the Council that the City had signed the Verizon Lease Agreement and has been sent to their lawyers in Kansas City.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Lagoon Update** – Mark told the Council that they are working on different possibilities for dewatering and would be getting back with the council at their next meeting
2. **Web Page** – Mayor updated the Council on the new City Web Page. There might be a preview at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Official City Spokesperson** – There was discussion about having an official city spokesperson. The comments ranged from having the Mayor to be the spokesperson, thinks it's a bad idea, referring sensitive issues to the Mayor, citizens never get to comment or know what is going on with the city and needs to talk about today and the future.
2. **City Sold Recreation Equipment** – It seems that the City sold some equipment on Purple Wave that belonged to the Nickerson Recreation Commission. The City received \$1,045 for this equipment and they would like to have this amount given to them. There was discussion about this matter. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Rife to approve giving \$1,045 to the Nickerson Recreation Commission. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Smith, Berridge, Neahrng, Russell, Rife, Brown **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Executive Session (personnel) for 15 minutes. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Berridge to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 8:05 p.m.

Mayor Golding called the meeting back to order. No action was taken. 8:20 p.m.

OFFICERS REPORT

Council Member Berridge – He wanted to thank maintenance on the alley work and that he had seen the new tractor out in action.

Council Member Rife – He wanted to say that he received positive comments on snow removal and the directory at the cemetery.

Council Member Neahrng – He would like Mark to inspect a house on Thompson Street. Mark would contact the owners with a written letter.

Mark Gomes, Maintenance – He gave the Council photos about the inspection at 100 South Nickerson Street. He found out that this property has been sold to someone who works at Realty Executives. The Council asked Mark to contact this individual about a plan on when the remodel would start and be finished at this property.

He would like the Council to approve a maintenance contract with Utility Services for the new water tower. The Council talked about this contract. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Brown to approve the Utility Services maintenance contract for the new water tower. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Neahrng, Russell, Rife, Brown, Smith **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Acting Chief April Addis, Police – She told the Council that she has hired three part-time police officers. They are Rick Burks, Luke Graham and Richard Jennings.

Shari Anderson, Administration – She told the Council that the city received \$5,253.74 for the 1% Sales Tax. She also told them that 206 LMI survey's had come back to City Hall. She would contact Ms. McCrory about what is the next step to take for the City.

Bill Golding, Mayor – He told the Council on the City's January overtime: (1) the police had 15.5 hours and (2) Administration had 5.2 hours. He also wanted to wish Shari a happy birthday next week.

There being no further business, motion made and seconded by Council Member Smith and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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