

**CITY OF NICKERSON  
15 N. NICKERSON  
NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2011**

**MAYOR:** Bill Golding

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

**EMPLOYEES**

**PRESENT:** Shari Anderson, Mark Gomes, Robin Schmitt, Phyllis Richardson

**GUESTS:** Amanda Stephenson, Shawna Watkins, Scot Loyd, Linda Fleming, Mike McLemore, Jim Gladden, Gordon Roth, Dan Monty, Teresa Rife

**ATTORNEY:** Stan Juhnke was at the meeting

**ROLL CALL:** Neahring, Russell, Brown, Smith, Berridge, Rife

**ABSENT:** None

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Golding at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 07, 2011 at Nickerson City Hall

The Mayor introduced and welcomed Robin Schmitt as the new Utility/Court Clerk for the City.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, AGENDA, & PAYABLES – each item limit to 15 minutes**

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Neahring to approve the January 17th Regular Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahring, Russell, Rife, Brown, Smith, Berridge **NO:** None

The following additions and changes would be included in the agenda: (1) Executive Session (Personnel) for twenty-five minutes after approval of payables and under Old Business (1) Scot Loyd and (2) Lagoon Progress Description. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Russell to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Smith, Brown, Rife, Russell, Neahring **NO:** None

There were questions about the payables. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Neahring to approve the payables. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Rife, Russell, Neahring, Berridge, Smith **NO:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (LEGAL) for 25 MINUTES.** Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Brown to recess into executive session for twenty-five minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Golding called the meeting back to order. 7:30 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dan Monty talked to the Council about changing how the late charges are implemented for the utility bill.

Gordon Roth commented about the 96 Highway Project and how it would impact the City.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Scot Loyd of Swindoll Janzen Hawk & Loyd came to the Council to update them on cost and what they have found looking at the years for 2008 – 2010.

Mark Gomes, Maintenance Supervisor, informed and answered questions from the Council on the progress of the Lagoon Project.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Council talked about reviewing and bidding the City insurance. There would not be any bids going out at this time and the department heads will meet with the current insurance carrier on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Council asked Mr. Juhnke to work on a sample resolution to add the costs for the Nickerson Municipal Court for defendant's sentences to serve time in the Reno County Jail. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Rife to accept the Reno County Jail Contract. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Brown, Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell **NO:** None

## **OFFICERS REPORT**

Council Member Smith brought up the ordinance that a property owner needs a fence around their swimming pool, so why is there not fencing around the ditches with water in them. She feels that the ditches are dangerous for the citizens.

She said that a citizen contacted her that people are going through the light at the corner of K-96. Mark Gomes will look into this matter.

She also would like to look into putting a restroom at the cemetery.

Council Member Brown would like for Mark Gomes to have the ability to go ahead and replace water lines along with the replacement of new sewer lines. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Rife for Mark Gomes to spend up to \$10,000 for water line replacement. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell, Rife, Brown **NO:** None

Council Member Rife had several items he talked about with the Council. (1) There is tall brush on driveway on the eastside of the cemetery. This brush is on someone else's property and wondered what could be done about it. The City would talk to the owner about mowing the brush. (2) He talked about eliminating some maintenance vehicles and replacing them with fuel efficient ones. There was some discussion about it. (3) He feels we need to put an ad for a Police Chief, so there is someone here during the day. There was discussion but there would not be an ad yet for this position.

Council Member Russell said that the City should change how the late charges are being added to the utility bills. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Rife to have Mr. Juhnke amend the ordinance on utility billing late charges. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, Rife, Brown, Smith, Berridge, Neahring **NO:** None

Council Member Berridge thanked the maintenance on the jobs they are doing for the City.

Mark Gomes, Maintenance Supervisor, told the Council that with this cold weather there were lift stations that needed to be fixed. The fill pipe on the south water tower split and would be costly to replace. He would contact our insurance company about the cost for the south tower. A check would be coming from PurpleWave on selling city equipment.

Bill Golding, Mayor, wished Shari Anderson a happy birthday.

The Mayor informed the Council of the following January overtime for the City; Administration had 1.75 hours, Maintenance had 11 hours and Police had 25.5 hours.

The Mayor asked for an executive session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (PERSONNEL) for 5 MINUTES.** Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Neahring to recess into executive session for five minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 8:58 p.m.

Mayor Golding called the meeting back to order. 9:03 p.m.

The Mayor asked the Council to accept Shari Anderson's resignation. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Neahring to accept the resignation. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahring, Russell, Rife, Brown, Smith, Berridge **NO:** None

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,** motion made and seconded by Council Member Smith and Council Member Berridge to adjourn. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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