

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2011**

MAYOR: Bill Golding

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Mark Gomes, Robin Schmitt, Phyllis Richardson

GUESTS: Shawna Watkins, Linda Fleming, Mike McLemore, Jim Gladden, Lynette Lewis, Gary Graber, Vera Graber, Corrie Henderson

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke was not 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 21, 2011 at Nickerson City Hall

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

There were questions about the minutes correction to be made. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Neahring and Council Member Russell to approve the February 7th 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 fifteen minutes under New Business and under Old Business (3) Siren Grant. 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 was a question about the Westar payable, Mark to check on it. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to approve the payables. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Rife, Russell, Neahring, Berridge, Smith **NO:** None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Graber asked about the timeline for hiring a Police Chief and additional help for the City Hall Office.

OLD BUSINESS

Council discussed Resolution 11-01 (court fees). Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Neahring to accept the Resolution 11-01. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Rife, Russell, Neahring, Berridge, Smith **NO:** None

Council discussed the Amendment to Ordinance 2011-01 (water billing). Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Neahring to accept the Amendment to Ordinance 2011-01. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Rife, Russell, Neahring, Berridge, Smith **NO:** None

Council discussed the Siren Grant. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Neahring to proceed and allocate \$10,000 for Siren upgrade and battery backup. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Rife, Russell, Neahring, Berridge, Smith **NO:** None

NEW BUSINESS

Executive session (personnel) for 15 minutes. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Russell to recess into executive session for 15 minutes. Motion carried by show of hands. 7:26 p.m.

Mayor Golding called meeting back to order. 7:41 p.m.

OFFICERS REPORT

Council Member Russell brought up issue about Larry Gross parking his boats and trucks on city property.

Council Member Brown brought land negotiations. Asked if Mark passed exam for wage increase.

Mark Gomes, Maintenance Supervisor, brought up the cost of living raises for employees. Mark talked about the cost and insurance portion of repairing the South Tower damages from the freeze.

The Mayor Bill Golding informed the Council that an ad was placed for City Clerk. Asked council about closing the audit. Discussed the attorney's recommendation for hiring full or part-time police officers. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Russell to place an ad for Police Chief. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Rife, Russell, Neahring, Berridge, Smith **NO:** None

Mayor presented a suggestion list from Chamber, a work shop will be set up at a later date.

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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