

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

**Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, March 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, Phyllis Richardson, Mark Gomes

Guests: Amanda Stephenson, David Richardson, Bobbie Kelley, Teresa Rife, Kenda Rabes,
Martin Allen Fent, Lee Gleason (Elliott Ins), Kent Anthony (First Group Ins), Kenny
Burgess

Attorney: Mr. Henry was not 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 March 01, 2010 at Nickerson City Hall

Approval of Agenda, Minutes & Payables

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 15, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.** Motion made and seconded by Council Member Neahring and Council Member Berridge to approve the minutes of the February 15, 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 with or without Additions.** Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Neahring to approve the agenda with the following additions: add an Executive Session (real estate acquisition) for 10 minutes before the Lagoon Update and another Executive Session (personnel) for 10 minutes after the Road Groom Proposal under Older Business. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahring, Berridge, Smith, Rife, Russell, Brown **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

- 3. Approval of the March 01, 2010 Payables.** Motion made and seconded by Council Member Neahring and Council Member Rife to approve the payables. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahring, Rife, Berridge, Smith, Russell, Brown **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Executive Session (real estate acquisition) for 10 minutes. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to recess into executive session for ten minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Golding called the meeting back to order. No action was taken. 7:14 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Lagoon Update** – The Mayor said that the dewatering alternatives are put on hold and would allow nature to take its course.
- 2. Cemetery Update** – Council Member Smith told the Council that Wagner Memorial gave a price of \$3,900 for black granite and a 10 x 20 concrete slab would cost \$1,690. She asked the Council to rescind paying for two benches that are made out of recycled rubber tires and put that money on buying two black granite benches to go along with the black granite memorial. The total would be around \$9,100. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to approve \$9,100 for the concrete slab, a black granite memorial and two black granite benches. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Brown, Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None
- 3. Road Groom Proposal** – The Council discussed with Mark Gomes the road groom proposal. Mark told the Council that it is not a replacement for the road grader, but that it would extend the life of the road grader. The City borrowed the Salt Creek Township road groom to see how it works. A new one would cost around \$15,400 and a used one would cost around \$10,500. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Neahring to approve buying a used road grader for \$10,500. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Brown, Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Executive Session (personnel) for 10 minutes. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to recess into executive session for ten minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Golding called the meeting back to order. No action was taken. 7:40 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. City Insurance Bids** – There was a long discussion about the bids from First Group and Elliott. Kent Anthony from First Group and Lee Gleason from Elliott were there to answer any questions. The Council wanted the two insurance companies to come back at the next meeting with an updated proposal.

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Council Member Russell – He wanted to know if April Addis could receive the Chief Classification pay. After some discussion, this would be put on the next agenda.

Council Member Rife – He would like the 1% Sales Tax Report to include addition information. Shari will work on this report. Since the City did not receive a grant for the park, he wanted to see if the City could go ahead with some of the updates and could this be sweat equity that could go towards applying for the grant next year. Shari will contact Ms. McCrory about this question and would get back with the Council.

Council Member Smith – She wanted to thank everyone for allowing the updates to the cemetery.

Mark Gomes, Maintenance – He told the Council that he received a remodel plan letter from the owner of 100 South Nickerson. He would be starting on the outside around May 31st and on the inside June through August. He explained what the lift station degreaser and rapid clear chemicals are used for. He was asked about an update on the house on Thompson Street. He would get that information for the next meeting.

Shari Anderson, Administration – She informed the Council that if you have a post office box, you would get a visit from a census employee. If anyone would like to participate, donate time, talent or products or support the Multiple Sclerosis Society walk for MS to contact Mrs. Madonna Oborny. There would be Severe Weather Awareness for Kansas during March 8 – 12. On March 9th, there would be a statewide tornado drill around 1:30 p.m.

Bill Golding, Mayor – He told the Council that the overtime for the month of February: police had 24.5 hours. Shari would have her three year anniversary on March 5th. He would like to have a workshop for Chief of Police at 7 p.m. on March 9th. He asked if everyone had gone to look at the new web page. It was decided to tell Gilmore Solutions to make the web page go live. The City would put the web address on Channel 7.

There being no further business, motion made and seconded by Council Member Smith and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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