

**CITY OF NICKERSON
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

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

MAYOR: Bill Golding

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

EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Robin Schmitt, Phyllis Richardson

GUESTS: David Richardson, Danny Schmitt, Shawna Watkins, Jim Gladden, Linda Fleming, Aaron Hendricks

ATTORNEY: Stan Juhnke

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

ABSENT: Dale Brown

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Golding at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2011 at Nickerson City Hall

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

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Russell to approve the March 7th Regular Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahring, Russell, Rife, Smith, Berridge **NO:** None

The following additions and changes would be included in the agenda: City Attorney – 15 minute Executive Session. (5) Executive Session – 15 minutes for Personnel under Old Business. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Smith, Rife, Russell, Neahring **NO:** None

Council Member Berridge requested information on the payable to EBH and was referred to Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Nearing and Council Member Russell to approve the payables. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Russell, Nearing, Berridge, Smith **NO:** None

CITY ATTORNEY

Executive Session (Legal) for 15 minutes. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Nearing to recess into executive session for 15 minutes. Motion carried by show of hands. 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Golding called meeting back to order. 7:23 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Gladden inquired about the status of the NAACP lawsuit and requested a copy of the wage proposal.

OLD BUSINESS

Council will schedule a workshop for an update on the audit. Mayor Golding and Council member Berridge signed the Management Representation Letter on the audit information being reviewed at the workshop.

Mayor Golding appointed Robin Schmitt as City Clerk with wage of \$13.00 per hr. Motion made and seconded by Council member Russell and Council member Rife to accept the City Clerk appointment. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Smith, Berridge, Nearing, Russell. **NO:** None

Council will schedule a personnel workshop for Police Chief applications.

Mayor Golding reported his findings on cashing in the Cemetery CD. There will be a large penalty if the CD is cashed in before June 18th. Council member Smith discussed how she felt the expenditures for the Cemetery should be handled.

Executive session (personnel) for 15 minutes. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Nearing to recess into executive session for 15 minutes. Motion carried by show of hands. 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Golding called the meeting back to order. 7:50 p.m.

Executive session (personnel) for 15 minutes. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Nearing and Council Member Berridge to recess into executive session for 15 minutes. 7:51p.m.

Mayor Golding called meeting back to order. 8:06 p.m.

Mayor Golding requested to rescind the City Clerk appointment. Motion made and seconded by Council member Russell and Council member Rife. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, Rife, Smith, Berridge, Neahring **NO:** None

Mayor Golding appointed Robin Schmitt as City Clerk with wage of \$13.60 per hour. Motion made and seconded by Council member Rife and Council member Russell to accept the City Clerk appointment. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell. **NO:** None

NEW BUSINESS

Utility Clerk position is filled as of April 4th by applicant Ashley Bowman. Ashley will be the Utility Clerk and Court Clerk in training.

OFFICERS REPORT

Council Member Berridge inquired about when the main road would be opened again. Vendors need to be getting licenses from City Hall. Calls are being received about the issue with Larry Gross parking his boats and trucks on city property and leaving notes on peoples cars who park there. Questions were raised about damage incurred by the construction process and who is liable.

Council Member Rife offered to help with the Emergency Management for the sirens after he is gone from council.

Mayor Golding presented Mark Gomes, Maintenance Supervisor's report about needs for vehicles and to review Terri Kelly's position. Mayor Golding asked for a motion to keep Terri Kelly as seasonal with a wage of \$10.50 per hour. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council member Berridge. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahring, Russell, Rife, 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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