

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

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011**

**MAYOR:** Bill Golding

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

**EMPLOYEES**

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

**GUESTS:** Danny Schmitt, Shawna Watkins, Jim Gladden, Linda Fleming, Aryn Hedrick, Robert Davis, Jim Koon, Teresa Rife, Lynnette Lewis,

**ATTORNEY:** Stan Juhnke

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

**ABSENT:** None

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Golding at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 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 Rife to approve the March 21st Regular Minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahring, Russell, Rife, Smith, Berridge, Brown **NO:** None

The following additions and changes would be included in the agenda: City Attorney – 20 minute Executive Session. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Neahring and Council Member Russell to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Smith, Rife, Russell, Neahring, Brown **NO:** None

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

### **CITY ATTORNEY**

Executive Session (Legal) for 20 minutes. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Rife to recess into executive session for 20 minutes. Motion carried by show of hands. 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Golding called meeting back to order. 7:24 p.m.

Executive Session (Legal) for 10 minutes. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Neahring to recess into executive session for 10 minutes. Motion carried by show of hands. 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Golding called meeting back to order. 7:35 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bob Davis spoke about the delinquent account plan for utilities and said he felt that allowing 15% off the total delinquent amounts owed was unfair to the rest of the citizens who are not behind and pay their bill on time.

Teresa Rife said she also felt the same as Bob Davis about the delinquent account plan.

Jim Gladden questioned if the council had approved the delinquent account plan. Mark Gomes stated he was told by Mayor Golding to go ahead with the plan.

Jim Koon thanked Nick, Brian, Marlene and Mayor Golding for their service to the city since their service may be ending after the election.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Golding gave an update on the Audit Workshop. Swindoll Janzen Hawk & Loyd, LLC offered their services as auditors and accountants for the City. Mayor Golding will check on possible three year agreement with Lindberg Vogel Pierce Faris to see when a change can be considered. Robin stated she would like to continue to work with Roger Fields for a couple of months longer while getting the City Clerk office organized. Lynnette Lewis stated she thinks it would be wise to keep Roger for the time being also.

Mayor Golding gave the Police Chief Application update and appointed Mike Kelsey as Police Chief with a wage of \$17.10 per hour. Motion made and seconded by Council member Russell and Council member Neahring to accept

the Police Chief appointment. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell, Brown. **NO:** None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Rick Sims presented the water shut-off update and reported the overdue amounts collected and the amounts sent to the Kansas Set-off.

### **OFFICERS REPORT**

Council Member Berridge confirmed with Mark Gomes about the bid for the park gazebo, and Water Park and brought a motion to go ahead with the plans. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Brown. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell, Rife, Brown **NO:** None

Council Member Berridge thanked the City workers Rick, Mark, and Robin for their dedication to the City.

Council Member Smith discussed the use of the \$2400 that has been set aside for the Cemetery for memorials, benches, and flags. A new bench will be placed once the measurements are taken for the concrete slab in which the bench will sit.

Council Member Rife asked for Mark Gomes about the funding for the Siren upgrades. Council decided to pay for the upgrades from the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council member Rife. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahring, Russell, Rife, Smith, Berridge, Brown **NO:** None

Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes reported the asbestos removal is complete on the building at 13 Nickerson Street and requested approval to start the demolition. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Neahring. Motion was carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Neahring, Russell, Rife, Brown, Smith **NO:** None

Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes requested approval to hire a seasonal worker for the Cemetery Maintenance. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Russell. Motion was carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Neahring, Russell, Rife, Brown, Smith **NO:** None

City Clerk Robin reported that the new Utility/Court Clerk Ashley Bowman is doing excellent work and learning the job quickly.

Mayor Golding reported the Overtime as 19 hours Maintenance, 19.5 Administration, 16 hours Police.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS**, motion made and seconded by Council Member Smith and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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