

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

**Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, May 03, 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:** Shawna Watkins, Bobbi Kelley, Teresa Rife, David Richardson, Theresa Tuefel, Cori Henderson, Crystal Moots, Danielle Trostle, Lisa Gitchell

**Attorney:** Mr. Henry was at the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** Neahring, Rife, Smith, Berridge, Brown, Russell

**Absent:** None

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Golding at 7:00 p.m. on Monday May 03, 2010 at Nickerson City Hall

**Approval of Agenda, Minutes & Payables**

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 19, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.**

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to approve the minutes with a correction pertaining to a message to be put on Channel 7 to sign up for Memorials at Wild Mead. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahring, Rife, Smith, Berridge, Brown, Russell **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: Executive Session (legal) for 10 minutes before public comments and another Executive Session (personnel) for 20 minutes with the Mayor's Report. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Smith, Rife, Brown, Russell, Neahring **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

- 3. Approval of the May 03, 2010 Payables.** There was one question about a payable of supplies for the Police Department. Chief Addis explained what this payable was for to the Council. She said that some of this amount would be paid back to the City from an employee. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Russell to approve the payables. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Berridge, Smith, Brown, Russell, Neahrng **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Randy Henry updated the Council on the election issue. He has talked with Sandy Jacquot of the League because the Statute on this issue said that the change in wards would have council members for only two years. Ms. Jacquot will look more into this statute and would have more information at the next meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (LEGAL) for 10 MINUTES.** Motion made and seconded by Council Member Neahrng and Council Member Berridge to recess into executive session for ten minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Golding called the meeting back to order. No action was taken. 7:18 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Theresa Tufel, President of the Nickerson Chamber of Commerce, came and asked the Council if the Chamber could use the little building next to City Hall to sell fireworks. They would be selling the fireworks from June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup>. There are two issues: (1) liability and insurance and (2) what can and cannot be put in the building. The City would get back with the Chamber on these issues.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Council discussed changing the fireworks ordinance to be able to discharge from June 27<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>. At this time, our ordinance is the same as Reno County and the City of Hutchinson, but other Reno County Cities are different than ours. Shari will gather information from other cities and will also talk with their fire chiefs on how it is working for them. This issue would be on the next meeting's agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Council discussed how they wanted to approve the appointments for the City. They then discussed that the police should be living in our town. The personnel manual has a residency requirement for all city employees. Mr. Henry and Mayor Golding would look into this issue and get back with the Council at the next meeting.

The City appointments are as follows:

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Rife approve Nick Neahring as President of the Council. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Brown, Smith, Berridge, Russell **NO:** None **ABSTAIN:** Neahring **ABSENT:** None

The Council discussed the clarification if all the Council Members are responsible for all the departments. If a Council Member is not appointed to a certain department and needs to clarify a question or problem they might have in that department, they should contact the Council Member that is responsible for that department.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Neahring approve the Council Member Responsibility would be Bill Golding-Administration, Nick Neahring-Water & Sewer, Dale Brown-Park, Marlene Smith-Cemetery, Skip Russell-Police, Brian Rife-Streets & Special Highway, and Brad Berridge-EMS. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, Neahring, Berridge, Smith, Brown, Rife **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to approve Official City Bank would be Peoples Bank & Trust. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell, Rife, Brown **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Neahring to approve the Official Newspapers would be The Sterling Bulletin and/or The Hutchinson News. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, Rife, Brown, Smith, Berridge, Neahring **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

The appointment of the Nickerson Recreation Commission Director will remain open and the recreation committee would absorb the director's duties.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to approve Karyl White as EMS Director. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahring, Russell, Rife, Brown, Smith, Berridge **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Berridge to approve Mark Gomes as City Inspector. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahring, Russell, Rife, Brown, Smith, Berridge **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Neahring to approve Phyllis Richardson as City Treasurer. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Smith, Rife, Russell, Neahring **NO:** Brown **ABSENT:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Neahring to approve Larry Bolton as City Judge. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Brown, Rife, Russell, Neahring, Berridge, Smith **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Rife to approve Randall Henry as City Attorney. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Berridge, Neahring, Russell **NO:** Brown, Smith **ABSENT:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Rife to approve April Addis as City Police Chief. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Berridge, Neahring, Russell **NO:** Brown, Smith **ABSENT:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Rife to approve Shari Anderson as City Clerk. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, Neahring, Berridge, Rife **NO:** Smith, Brown **ABSENT:** None

Shari asked the Council if they wanted to opt-in or opt-out of the Terrorism Premium for the City. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Rife to opt-in for the Terrorism Premium. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell, Rife, Brown **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

## **OFFICERS REPORT**

Council Member Berridge thanked the City Maintenance Department for the nice grooming of the City

Council Member Smith wanted to know about the Audit. Shari told the Council that the auditors were here for six days. Roger Field would be at the next meeting about this issue and the resolution that was given to them at this meeting.

Council Member Brown is concerned about trucks on Holiday Street. The Council discussed what are on the signs. They also discussed our ordinance pertaining to this issue. They would talk more about it at their next meeting.

He complimented Chief Addis for helping his sister when she needed help.

Council Member Rife complimented on the new format for the minutes.

He would like to add all employees names on our web site. Shari would work on this issue for him. Gilmore Solutions, the company who helped with the new web site has not completed several items for the city. Mr. Henry would talk to them. To put out how to get on our new web site, they wanted to know if it could be on the Chamber's Sign on Highway 96.

Council Member Russell talked about the Railroad Right-of-Way and how he would like to have a row of trees through the city. He was told that Black Hills donates trees every year.

Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes updated the Council on the roads the County is working on.

He also told the Council that he had two meetings for the Park. There would be another meeting for the public to come and get involved. This would be put on Channel 7.

City Clerk Shari Anderson told the Council that Stutzman Refuse would not raise the trash amount for May 2010 through April 30, 2011. Their reason was that the recycling in the city has helped keep their costs in line.

She asked the Council about being a member of the Chamber of Commerce and what donation amount would the City like to give the Chamber for Klear Nearly.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Russell to pay for membership to the Chamber. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, Rife, Brown, Smith, Berridge, Neahring **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Rife to approve a donation of \$200 to the Chamber for Klear Nearly. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Neahring, Russell, Rife, Brown, Smith **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

She would put these items in the next meeting payables.

She asked the Council if she could send bids out to network, put more memory, and have external hard drives for the backup of the two computers at City Hall. The Council suggested that the bid also includes the price of two new computers and how much it would cost for IT coverage for the city. She would have this bid for the Council to look over at the next meeting.

Mayor Golding told the Council that the dumpster is being utilized by the citizens.

He asked the Council what the city could do to have a Memorial Day Service. Council Member Brown suggested we contact the Boy Scouts that are here in the City. The Mayor asked him to leave the name and number of the Boy Scouts Leader at City Hall. He said that he would do it.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (PERSONNEL) for 20 MINUTES.** Motion made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Brown to recess into executive session for twenty minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Golding called the meeting back to order. No action was taken. 7:54 p.m.

Mayor Golding told the Council that Maintenance had six hours of overtime for the month of April.

**There being no further business,** motion made and seconded by Council Member Smith and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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