

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

**Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, May 17, 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, David Richardson, Theresa Tuefel, Cori Henderson, Amanda Stephenson, Kenny Burgess

Attorney: Mr. Henry was at the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Absent: Brown

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Golding at 7:00 p.m. on Monday May 17, 2010 at Nickerson City Hall

Approval of Agenda, Minutes & Payables

1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 03, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.

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

- 2. Approval of the Agenda with or without Additions.** Motion made and seconded by Council Member Neahring and Council Member Berridge to approve the agenda with the following addition: Executive Session (personnel) for 5 minutes before New Business. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Smith, Rife, Russell, Neahring **NO:** None **ABSENT:** Brown

3. **Approval of the May 03, 2010 Payables.** Motion made and seconded by Council Member Neahring and Council Member Berridge to approve the payables. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Berridge, Smith, Russell, Neahring **NO:** None **ABSENT:** Brown

Randy Henry updated the Council on prohibiting commercial traffic from Holiday Street in the City of Nickerson. The Council discussed the City of Nickerson Ordinance 864 which covers this issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Council discussed changing the fireworks ordinance to be able to discharge from June 27th to July 5th. They discussed when to start the discharge of fireworks on Sunday to how late the fireworks could be discharged within the City. Mr. Henry will draw up an amended ordinance for the Council to look at for the next meeting.

Theresa Teufel and Cori Henderson asked the Council if the small building next to City Hall was usable for the Chamber to sell fireworks. Kenny Burgess, Nickerson Fire Chief, told the Council that it was too small and that there was black mold. The Chamber was then told that the building was not available for them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Roger Field, CPA of Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, came to talk about the City's 2009 Audit, 2009 Carryover, and draft for the audit. He informed the Council that the 2009 Draft would be available by the next meeting. He was asked about moving the audit for 2010 earlier in the year. He told them that by the first week in February they were in the tax season. He told the Council that he would try to have the 2010 audit draft by May of next year.

The Council explained that they would like to start the budget workshops earlier in the year. He said that the year end closeout, which is done by the end of January, would be close enough to what the audit would be for the city to begin the budget sessions.

He was asked to explain resolution 10-01. He explained that resolution 10-01 is for record keeping. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Russell to approve resolution 10-01. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell **NO:** None **ABSENT:** Brown

OFFICERS REPORT

Council Member Rife wanted to know when Verizon was going to be doing something on the City's North Water Tower. Shari said that someone called City Hall about the bid that Verizon sent out to contractors.

He then wanted to know about the South Water Tower. Is it being painted or is it corrosion work. Mark said that it is being painted. Council Member Rife said that the lettering on that tower said Panthers Nickerson. He wanted to know if it could say Nickerson Panthers. Mark Gomes said that it shouldn't be any problem and he would try to get with the painters tomorrow on this issue.

He asked about the property on the corner of D and Speare. Mark explained about the garage demolition on that property. He said that she had completed the demolition. The weeds are high and Maintenance mowed for sighted vision.

Council Member Russell asked what could be done about the property next to the EMS and Police Building. The property owner is blocking the sidewalk. Mark will look into this matter.

Another issue is a camper in the 200 block of West B. Mark said a letter has been issued.

Council Member Neahring asked if anything is being done about the house on D and Thompson Street. This property has been vacant for nine or ten years. Mark said that a letter has gone out to the property owner. A letter about mowing the property would go out to the owner.

Council Member Berridge wanted to thank Maintenance on cleaning the gutters, drain pipes and the overall appearance of the City.

Council Member Smith said that the Cemetery looks good. The Cemetery Memorial Stone would be out there next week. Marlene said the Council Member Brown is working with the Scout Master on the Memorial Dedication and putting up the flags. The Council discussed putting up military flags at the Cemetery. Marlene would look into this matter. The Dedication Ceremony would be put on Channel 7 and flyers would be put around town so the citizens will know about it.

Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes updated the Council on the roads and the storm drains that the Maintenance is working on.

Mark informed the Council that a park committee meeting was held on May 10th, at the City of Nickerson Maintenance Department Shop Building. The five attendees were given a copy of the tentative drawing showing the possible location of the part equipment, skate board area, water park area and parking area. Mr. Brown requested that we review the drawing layout and have comments concerning the possibility of changes or relocation of equipment prior to the next meeting.

Also, Mr. Brown called and stated that he would not be able to attend tonight's meeting. He requested that Mark share with the council information he had received from Ms. McCory concerning the placement of equipment or park improvements prior to grant receipt. It is his understanding that park improvements at the City's expense would be considered beneficial when re-submitting for the grant.

Chief Addis wanted to thank everyone who came to the Sunday's function at the Senior Center.

City Clerk Shari Anderson told the Council that she had contacted Steve Rivas of Gilmore Solutions about working on a bid for the City. He suggested that instead of replacing parts in the computer's we now have, it would be cost effective to replace the towers with new. The Council discussed what needs to be on the bid.

Council Member Russell would like the comments on the web site to be more user friendly. Shari would look into this matter.

She read the residency policy to the Council. The Council discussed if it should be a condition to receiving a city job and if there were statutes about this issue.

Mayor Golding told the audience that when the Council is not in session the sound on the City's Channel 7 would be turned off but that the camera would remain on.

He also wished happy anniversaries to Jim McVey on June 1st and Mark Gomes on June 2nd.

There being no further business, motion made and seconded by Council Member Smith and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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