

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

**Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, June 07, 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, Kenny Burgess, Aryn Hedrick, Teresa Rife

Attorney: Mr. Henry was 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 June 07, 2010 at Nickerson City Hall

Approval of Agenda, Minutes & Payables

1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 17, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Neahring to approve the minutes. 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 Neahring and Council Member Berridge to approve the agenda with the following addition: Executive Session (legal) for 15 minutes after the June 7th Payables. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Smith, Rife, Russell, Neahring, Brown **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

3. **Approval of the June 07, 2010 Payables.** Council Member Brown and Council Member Rife asked about EBH and Utility Services payables. 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, Russell, Neahring, Brown **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

EXECUTIVE SESSION (LEGAL) for 15 MINUTES. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Golding called the meeting back to order. No action was taken. 7:21 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charlene Gardner wanted to thank the Maintenance Department on how the cemetery looked for Memorial Day Weekend. She also thanked everyone who helped put up the flags at the cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Berridge to approve ordinance 2010-04 to amend the fireworks ordinance to be able to discharge from June 27th through July 5th. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Brown, Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Kenny Burgess, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee informed the Council that the Zoning Board held a hearing on May 28th for the rezoning from R1 to I2 for lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Block 40 City of Nickerson Reno County, Kansas for access to present property and additional property after the construction of new grain bin(s) for the Farmers COOP. No construction to be done on present parking lot. He told them that the Zoning Board unanimously approved the rezoning. He told them that the fees would need to be paid by the COOP for this hearing. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Rife to approve ordinance 2010-03 for the rezoning of lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Block 40 from R1 to I2. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, Neahring, Berridge, Smith, Brown, Rife **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

The Council discussed in length the technology bid that would go out to several companies. They asked Shari to change some items on the bid and bring it back to the next meeting.

OFFICERS REPORT

Council Member Berridge wanted to know what the city is going to do about spraying for the mosquitoes. Mark Gomes will get with last years contactor about spraying. The Council would also like to have Mark set up a time for the contractor to come a spray instead of calling him.

He was asked for the Maintenance Department to have a longer time to get firework at the brush site.

He wanted to know who generates the ten day registered letters that comes from the city. He was told that it starts with the Council and then a letter is sent out. He would like for these letters to be seen by the Council first and then sent out. He has a lady that received one of these letters and her ten days are almost up and she would like an extension. He is helping her getting a contractor for the debris on this property because she did not know where to start this process. This was brought up at the last meeting. This has been going on for several years. Shari will give the letter to the Mayor that was sent to her after the meeting and he would look into this issue.

Council Member Russell wanted to tell the cemetery committee said that he received positive comments about the cemetery. The only negative comment was that ramp does not do him any good. Council Member Smith that the new minister of Christ Bible Church said that next year the youth group would help with setting up chairs at the cemetery.

Council Member Smith said that she was fighting off the mosquitoes.

Council Member Brown wanted to know who controls the Recreation Committee. He would like to make this a kid friendly town. Mr. Henry said that the city funds them but that they run the day to day operation. There is a state statute that sets this up. Phyllis Richardson, Treasurer of the Recreation Committee, tried to address any questions the Council had about the Recreation Committee. The Council talked about parking and kids running around that might get hurt at the ball park. Mr. Henry would look into this issue and would get back with the council.

He said that the boy scouts would like to retire the flags at the Ball Diamond on Klear Nearly. Who has the authority to approve this for the boy scouts? They would like to do it there because they could have a nice audience. The City would look into this issue.

He said that there are people riding along with the police. He asked Chief Addis if you are training more people. She informed him that the police department has had a ride along program for years to have passengers ride with the police after her approval. He then asked if these individuals sign all the certificates. She said that they sign release of liability form.

He still has a problem with commercial vehicles driving down Holiday Street. The City needs to consider the safety of the kids. The Council and the audience discussed what to do about this problem. Mark Gomes will check about the signs for both ends of the street that would eliminate the 18 wheelers from driving down this street and would get back with the Council on prices for the signs.

He would like the Council to approve up to \$7,000 to start fixing the park. He talked with Ms McCrory about buying items for the park. This would show participation when we reapply for the grant. This would not affect the master plan because they don't want to use too much labor. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Neahring and Council Member Smith to approve park improvements up to \$7,000. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell, Rife, Brown **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gomes wanted to thank the Council to allow the purchase of the tractor and wing mower.

Chief Addis wanted to tell the Council that she contacted the coach about the ball park parking complain.

City Clerk Shari Anderson told the Council that the United Way is again having the Community Work Day scheduled for August 28, 2010. If you know of a project, please contact her by July 20th.

Mayor Golding told the Council that there was no overtime for the month of May.

He was at a meeting and Nickerson's census participation is only 64%. He asked that we try to get more participation for the city.

He told the Council that we received the last dividend check from EMC.

He wanted to know when the Council could meet for a budget workshop. It was decided that the workshop would be on June 14th, at 7 p.m. here at City Hall.

There being no further business, motion made and seconded by Council Member Smith and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. A Motion was carried by a show of hands.

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