

**CITY OF NICKERSON  
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NICKERSON, KS 67561**

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010**

**Mayor:** Bill Golding

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

**Employees:** Shari Anderson, April Addis, Phyllis Richardson, Mark Gomes

**Guests:** Amanda Stephenson, David Richardson, Shawna Watkins, Heather Story, Vera Graber, Gary Graber, Aryn Hedrick, Herb Stange, Matt Brown, Kenny Burgess, Deonna Brown

**Attorney:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Absent:** None

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Golding at 7:00 p.m. on Monday October 04, 2010 at Nickerson City Hall

**Approval of Agenda, Minutes & Payables**

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Rife and Council Member Berridge to approve the September 20 Minutes with a change. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Neahring, Russell, Rife, Brown, Smith, Berridge **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

The following additions would be included in the agenda: (1) Reno County Road Maintenance Policy would be under New Business. (2) Executive Session (Personnel) for ten minutes would be under new Business. Motion made and seconded by Council Member Neahring and Council Member Rife to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Berridge, Smith, Brown, Rife, Russell, Neahring **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Neahring and Council Member Russell to approve the October 4th payables. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell, Rife, Brown **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

There was discussion on City Attorney replacement. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Neahring to advertise for a new city attorney and to OK the cost for it. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Brown, Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Smith and Council Member Brown to interview all who apply for the city attorney position. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Rife, Brown, Smith, Berridge, Neahring, Russell **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Phyllis Richardson told the Council that the Senior Center had purchased an exercise machine.

Matt Brown wanted to know why the garbage at Dale Brown's house was collected. Chief Addis told him that she could not talk to him, but that she would talk in private with Dale Brown about this issue.

Kenny Burgess talked about the information that he received from Bill Guy, Director of the Reno County Emergency Management, about the Potential Warning Siren Project. Mark Gomes, Maintenance Supervisor, will work on prices for new sirens.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

They talked about the Police Department. The radio's that were discussed at the last meeting were purchased with grant money. They said that the Council would like to be involved with hiring officers and would like to have access to scheduling after the fact for budgeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Mayor told the Council that Reno County would like to change their Road Maintenance Policy. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Brown and Council Member Neahring to support keeping the Reno County

Road Maintenance Policy the same. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, Neahring, Berridge, Smith, Brown, Rife **NO:** None **ABSENT:** None

Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Rife for an Executive Session (Personnel) for ten minutes. Motion carried by a show of hands. 7:37 p.m.

Mayor Golding called the meeting back to order. 7:47 p.m.

### **OFFICERS REPORT**

Council Member Rife wants to make sure that only current employees are on the city's charge accounts.

He commented about several items that have been achieved for the citizens of Nickerson.

He asked how the grant for the park is going. He was told that it is proceeding and that the volleyball equipment had been received for the park.

Council Member Russell talked to the Council about limiting time for each agenda item. Motion was made and seconded by Council Member Russell and Council Member Rife to limit agenda items to fifteen minutes. Motion carried by the following vote: **YES:** Russell, Rife, Berridge, Neahring **NO:** Brown, Smith **ABSENT:** None

Council Member Neahring asked about the extension for Windemere Street. Council Member Berridge informed them that he would again contact the property owner about this extension.

Council Member Berridge wanted to thank the Maintenance Department for the streets and mowing the city.

Council Member Brown asked about what looks like a slowdown with the lagoon project. He was told that the contractor had to get a new sub contractor for the dewatering.

Mark Gomes, Maintenance Supervisor, told the Council that he had to purchase parts for the sewer plant that cost \$1,500.

April Addis, Chief of Police, said that the parade went well for Homecoming. She talked about National Fire Prevention.

Mayor Golding told the Council that in the month of September the Police Department had 5.5 hours of overtime, but that these hours would be reimbursed from the State for Step-Up Program.

He also talked about the meeting with the Planning and Zoning Committee.

**There being no further business**, motion was made and seconded by Council Member Smith and Council Member Berridge to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. A motion was carried by a show of hands.

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