

NICKERSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 19, 2024, 5:30 PM City Hall 15 N Nickerson Street

- Monday, February 19, 2024, Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Council and audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

Mayor Ruebke called the Monday, February 19, 2024, council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT - Berridge, Willhaus, Burris, Murphy, Richard ABSENT – Rohling

- Approval of Minutes, Agenda, & Payables

Approval of January 8, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Willhaus and Council Member Murphy to approve the January 8, 2024, minutes. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Richard, Berridge, Willhaus, Burris, Murphy NO - None

Approval of the Agenda

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Willhaus and Council Member Richard to approve the February 19, 2024, agenda. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Murphy, Richard, Berridge, Willhaus, Burris NO - None

Approval of February 19, 2024, Payables

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Richard to approve the February 19, 2024, payables. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Burris, Murphy, Richard, Willhaus NO - None ABSTAIN – Berridge

- City Attorney – Nothing to report.
- Public Comments - Limited to 5 Minutes – None
- Old Business - Limited to 15 Minutes – None
- New Business - Limited to 15 Minutes

1. Simple City Billing Software Upgrade

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Richard to approve the utility/finance software upgrade quote from

gWorks in the amount of 10,200.00. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Willhaus, Burris, Murphy, Richard, Berridge NO - None

2. Ordinance 2024-01 Evergy Franchise Agreement

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Willhaus and Council Member Berridge to adopt Evergy Franchise Agreement Ordinance 2024-01. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Willhaus, Burris, Murphy, Richard, Berridge NO – None

3. Ordinance 98-02 Mayor and Council Pay

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Richard to direct the city attorney to draft an ordinance amending the mayor's pay in Ordinance 98-02 to \$150.00 per meeting. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Berridge, Willhaus, Burris, Murphy, Richard NO - None

4. Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel Performance

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Willhaus to recess into executive session to discuss job performance of non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) for 10 minutes at 5:39 p.m. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Richard, Berridge, Willhaus, Burris, Murphy NO - None

Mayor Ruebke called the meeting back to order at 5:49 p.m. No decisions were made in the executive session.

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Richard and Council Member Murphy to increase the maintenance employees hourly wage by 5% based on performance. Motion passed by the following vote: YES - Berridge, Willhaus, Burris, Murphy, Richard NO – None

- **Officer's Reports**

Berridge

Thanked the maintenance crew for working extra hours to do snow removal and for getting the main streets cleared so quickly. Grooming of roads and alleys looks great. Thanked April for keeping track of and taking care of the city finances.

Richard

Provided a report from EMS that Karly has located radios for under \$5,000 each and has signed up the EMS staff for online trainings at \$165.00 per person. Requested clerk Beshears research how to get the council meetings streamed on YouTube.

Willhaus

Requested information on when Corwin will continue with the tree removal at the cemetery. Reported that Daily Enterprises removed 6 trailer loads of limbs from the cemetery following the last snowstorm and will begin spraying prior to

Memorial Day. Thanked the maintenance crew for improving the road conditions on the Southeast side of the city.

Murphy

Acknowledged the great job the maintenance crew has done improving road conditions after the snow thaw and for getting the street sweeper out to keep the gutters flowing smoothly.

Burris

Thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to participate by phone and informed them that he may have to do so again at the March meeting.

Administration Report - April / Lynette

Nothing to report.

Mayor Report

Has multiple meeting scheduled over the next month and will report back to council at the March meeting.

- Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made and seconded by Council Member Berridge and Council Member Willhaus to adjourn at 5:53 p.m. Motion passed by a show of hands.