

McCook City Council
May 20, 2019
6:30 PM Central

A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA convened in open, regular, and public session at 6:30 o'clock P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Gonzales, Councilmembers Calvin, Weedin.

Absent: Councilmembers Hepp, Muehlenkamp; City Clerk Doak.

City Officials present: City Manager Schneider, City Attorney Mustion, Utilities Director Dutcher, Fire Chief Harpham, Public Works Director Potthoff, and Human Services Officer Dimas.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on May 16, 2019, the designated method of giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Mayor and members of the City Council and a copy of the Acknowledgement of Receipt of such notice is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice to the Mayor and Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Gonzales announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted by the entrance to the Council Chambers and available for public review. Kyle Dellevoet, pastor of the McCook Christian Church, offered the invocation. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, Mayor Gonzales called the meeting to order.

1. Citizen's Comments.

Jamie Mockry, McCook Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, gave an update of the first 3rd Thursday event and thanked the City for their assistance.

2. Announcements & Recognitions.

There were no announcements or recognitions.

3. Proclamations.

3.A. Approve the proclamation designating May 19 - 25, 2019 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Motion to approve the proclamation designating May 19 - 25, 2019 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" and authorize the Mayor to sign. This motion, made by Calvin and seconded by Weedin, passed.

Gonzales: YEA, Hepp: ABSENT, Calvin: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Muehlenkamp: ABSENT.
YEA: 3, NAY: 0, ABSENT: 2

3.B. Approve the proclamation designating the week of May 19 - 25, 2019 as "National Public Works Week" and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Motion to approve the proclamation designating the week of May 19 - 25, 2019 as "National Public Works Week" and authorize the Mayor to sign. This motion, made by Calvin and seconded by Weedin, passed.

Gonzales: YEA, Hepp: ABSENT, Calvin: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Muehlenkamp: ABSENT.
YEA: 3, NAY: 0, ABSENT: 2

4. Consent Agenda.

City Manager Schneider requested that Item E be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Weedin and seconded by Calvin, passed.

Gonzales: YEA, Hepp: ABSENT, Calvin: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Muehlenkamp: ABSENT.
YEA: 3, NAY: 0, ABSENT: 2

4.A. Approve the minutes of the May 6, 2019 regular City Council meeting.

4.B. Approve the application for a Special Designated Liquor License submitted by JBN, Inc., dba Hi Times Liquor Mart 1, Liquor License #DK-100025, for a wedding reception to be held at the McCook Municipal Auditorium, 302 West 5th Street, on November 23, 2019 from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

4.C. Approve an application from Great Plains Communications to occupy city right-of-way for the purpose of installing underground fiber optic cable providing service to Quality Urgent Care and Westview Plaza.

4.D. Receive the minutes of the March 13, 2019 Library Advisory Board meeting.

5. Regular Agenda.

4.E. Approve the request from McCook Christian Church to close the 200 Block of West Fourth Street and the 500 Block of West "C" Street on Sunday, June 30, 2019 from 1:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. for the Southwest Nebraska Freedom Festival.

City Manager Schneider clarified that the request was from Kyle Dellevoet, pastor of the McCook Christian Church.

Motion to approve the request from McCook Christian Church to close the 200 Block of West Fourth Street and the 500 Block of West "C" Street on Sunday, June 30, 2019 from 1:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. for the Southwest Nebraska Freedom Festival. This motion, made by Weedin and seconded by Calvin, passed.

Gonzales: YEA, Hepp: ABSENT, Calvin: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Muehlenkamp: ABSENT.
YEA: 3, NAY: 0, ABSENT: 2

5.A. Council Comments.

Council comments included thanks to the street sweeper, clean streets speak well for the City; thanking all emergency responders for their service this past Friday during the severe weather; and inquiring about the weekly testing of the Civil Defense sirens.

5.B. An Executive Session may be held upon a majority vote of the Council for the protection of public interest for a strategy session with respect to collective bargaining - the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 57.

Motion to go into executive session for the protection of public interest for a strategy session with respect to collective bargaining - the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 57 at 6:48 P.M. This motion, made by Weedin and seconded by Calvin, passed.

Gonzales: YEA, Hepp: ABSENT, Calvin: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Muehlenkamp: ABSENT.
YEA: 3, NAY: 0, ABSENT: 2

The Mayor stated for the record that at this time, pursuant to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, a closed session will be held for the protection of public interest for a strategy session with respect to collective bargaining - the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 57. The Council will reconvene in public session following this closed session.

Motion to come out of executive session at 7:44 P.M. This motion, made by Calvin and seconded by Weedin, passed.

Gonzales: YEA, Hepp: ABSENT, Calvin: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Muehlenkamp: ABSENT.
YEA: 3, NAY: 0, ABSENT: 2

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gonzales declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Michael D. Gonzales
Mayor

ATTEST:

Nathan A. Schneider
City Manager/Recording Secretary