

MCCOOK CITY COUNCIL
February 20, 2012
7:30 P.M.

A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA convened in open, regular, and public session at 7:30 o'clock P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Berry; Councilmembers Gonzales, Calvin, Hepp, McDowell; City Attorney Schneider; City Manager Hancock; City Clerk-Treasurer Doak.

Absent: None.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on February 16, 2012, 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 Acknowledgment 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 Berry announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted by the entrance to the Council Chambers and available for public review.

- (1) INVOCATION - THE MCCOOK MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION - BRIAN BOWMAN, FIRST NAZARENE CHURCH.

No one was present for the invocation.

- (2) CITIZEN'S FORUM.

No one was present for Citizens' Forum.

- (3) MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS.

City Manager Hancock reviewed the highlights of his recent newsletter. Judy Titman, who has been with the Public Library for twelve years, will be retiring as of February 28. City employees Larry Dicke, Jesse Dutcher, Kyle Potthoff, and Rick Province recently completed training on Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) inspections. The Police Department has made multiple arrests on burglary charges. He identified four values of living in the city limits of McCook: 1) Low municipal property taxes; 2) Lower home owner's insurance; 3) Low police response times to McCook citizens; and 4) Low fire response times to McCook citizens. He continues to work on housing issues and is working with the MEDC on a Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) for updates of the housing survey and the Comprehensive Plan. The City would be responsible for 50% of the cost of the Comprehensive Plan. Public hearings and reaffirmation of the downtown blighted area boundaries will be held at the March 12 Planning Commission meeting and the March 19 City Council meeting.

- (4) PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ITEM A PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER THE 2012 ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN.