

MCCOOK CITY COUNCIL
April 10, 2012
4:00 P.M.
Special Meeting

A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA convened in open, special, and public session at 4:00 o'clock P.M. at the Heritage Senior Center.

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

Absent: None.

Staff members present: Director of Public Works Kyle Potthoff, Utilities Director Jesse Dutcher, Chief of Police Ike Brown, Fire Chief Marc Harpham, Library Director Jody Crocker, Senior Services Director Sue Chipman, and Deputy City Clerk Lori Schmidt.

Facilitator, Michele Gill, McCook Community College Interim Vice President.

Some citizens present were: Rosalie Weskamp, Steve Batty, Cathy McDowell, and Bruce Baker, City Editor for the McCook Daily Gazette.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on April 5, 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 and available for public review.

(1) STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION.

Michele Gill and City Manager Hancock were Co-Facilitators of the planning session.

City Manager Hancock explained the process and ground-rules and reviewed the "Iceberg" Model.

Those present shared their "Dreams and Fears for McCook". What would be your greatest dream or dreams that might happen for the City of McCook, or your dream as what McCook might become? (10 to 15 year time frame) What is your greatest fear or fears that you are concerned with that might happen to the City of McCook. (No specific time period)

Those present listed their City projects and programs that they would like to see take place within the next one to two years and those within in the next three to five years. The following is a tabulation of the projects, their ranking, and the number of votes each received:

**PROJECTS & PROGRAMS
1 - 2 YEARS**

Ranking	Project/Program	# votes Council	# votes Dept. Heads
	Thermal imaging camera		1
	Cardiac monitors		1
3	16" water main	2	4
	Streets		1
3	Equipment replacement		6
	4 x 6 Map of Cemetery Posted		
	Cadre of contractors/building/brainstorm	2	
	Community garden	1	
1	Housing development plan (large scale)	4	4
5	Increase revenues	2	3
	Electric heat coil for sidewalks		
	Finish library projects		4
5	Property cleanup	3	2
5	Pay down sewer/water bond	1	4
	Electronic council packets	1	
3	Norris & B project	4	2
	3 yr cycle Replacement (capital, tech, furniture, fleet replace)		
	Unused vacated space plan (safety center & others)	1	3

**PROJECTS & PROGRAMS
3 - 5 YEARS**

Ranking	Project/Program	# votes Council	# votes Dept. Heads
3	Diverse job creation (tech, infrastructure, innovate)	3	3
	Revitalize bus transportation (e.g. Greyhound)		
2	Land plan for housing development (rental, new lot giveaway)	4	3
4	Long range plans (Auditorium, Library, Kiplinger)	3	1
	Reduce debt	2	
	Additional ballfields		1
	Repair of streets in Barnett Park, Cemetery, Parking Lots		1
6	Upgrades for water & waste water plant	1	2
6	Build Regional Public Safety training facility	1	2
	Address staffing needs		2
	Master street plan		1
	Annexation plans	1	1
6	Bookmobile		3
	4 x 4 delivery vehicle for meals		1
	Coordinate transport across state		1
1	Process for sales tax revenue	4	6
	Build money reserves	1	1
	More park & recreation development		
	Nuisance issues (e.g. St. Catherine's)	1	1
	Hwy 83 coord. Development	1	
	Business retention & owner recruitment	1	
	Develop new major businesses in community	1	
	Revitalize downtown area	1	

(2) ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Berry declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Dennis Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk