

MCCOOK CITY COUNCIL
July 30, 2012
6:30 P.M.

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

Present: Councilmembers Gonzales, Hepp, McDowell; City Manager Hancock; City Clerk-Treasurer Doak.

Absent: Councilmember Calvin; City Attorney Schneider.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on July 26, 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) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Berry led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(2) APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE SUBMITTED BY BRAHMERS STEAKHOUSE AND SALOON, LLC, LICENSE #CK-94285, FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION TO BE HELD AT THE RED WILLOW COUNTY COMMUNITY BUILDING, 1415 WEST 5TH STREET, ON AUGUST 11, 2012 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 A.M.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember McDowell, the Council voted to approve the application for a Special Designated Liquor License submitted by Brahmers Steakhouse and Saloon, LLC, License #CK-94285, for a wedding reception to be held at the Red Willow County Community Building, 1415 West 5th Street, on August 11, 2012 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Berry, Gonzales, Hepp, McDowell. NAY: None. ABSENT: Calvin.

(3) CONDUCT REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FY2012/2013 ANNUAL BUDGET.

City Manager Hancock reviewed his transmittal letter included with the presented preliminary budget. The presented budget includes a recommended increase of 3% to 6% in the telephone land line occupation tax and a new 6% mobile telephone occupation. This additional revenue is proposed to assist in the financing of needed capital items. In addition there is a proposed increase in some ambulance fees that will generate approximately \$17,000 a year to help finance three new state of the art defibrillator/cardiac monitors. There are no proposed changes to full-time personnel, only a couple of small increases in seasonal help. No rate increases are proposed in Solid Waste. Water and Sewer rates will be reviewed at the August 20 meeting with the financial advisor.

Councilmember McDowell stated that he has received a call from a citizen who is definitely opposed to the proposed cell phone occupation tax.

Mayor Berry noted that without an increase in the phone occupation tax, the capital outlay projects may require an increase in property tax.

City Clerk Doak reviewed the remaining funds not already addressed at the Budget Retreat.

Mayor Berry suggested that some of the uncommitted sales tax dollars could be used for additional water and sewer debt payments, restroom/shower facility improvement at Karrer Park, and restrooms at Kelley Park.

(4) ADJOURNMENT.

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

Dennis Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk