

MCCOOK CITY COUNCIL
December 2, 2013
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.

Absent: None.

City Officials present: City Attorney Schneider, City Manager Hancock, City Clerk-Treasurer Doak, Police Chief Isaac Brown, Utilities Director Jesse Dutcher, Fire Chief Marc Harpham, and Public Works Director Kyle Potthoff.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on November 28, 2013, 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 - CLARK BATES, MCCOOK CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

No one was present for the invocation.

- (2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

- (3) CITIZEN'S FORUM.

No one was present for Citizen's Forum.

- (4) MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS.

City Manager Hancock announced his appointment of Elizabeth (Beth) Siegfried as the new McCook Senior Services Director. Ms. Siegfried will formally begin her duties on January 2, 2014.

- (5) CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Berry requested that Item C be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.

ITEM A APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2013 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Upon a motion by Mayor Berry, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2013 regular City Council meeting. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Berry, Gonzales, Calvin, Hepp, McDowell. NAY: None.

ITEM B APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE MCCOOK CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO CLOSE WEST 4TH STREET BETWEEN "B" STREET AND "C" STREET ON DECEMBER 14, 2013 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 11:00 P.M. FOR THEIR "A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM" EVENT.

Upon a motion by Mayor Berry, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, the Council voted to approve the request from the McCook Christian Church to close West 4th Street between "B" Street and "C" Street on December 14, 2013 from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. for their "A Night in Bethlehem" Event. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Berry, Gonzales, Calvin, Hepp, McDowell. NAY: None.

ITEM D RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2013 PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.

Upon a motion by Mayor Berry, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, the Council voted to receive and file the minutes of the September 26, 2013 Parks Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Berry, Gonzales, Calvin, Hepp, McDowell. NAY: None.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 5C APPROVE THE ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH PANHANDLE GEOTECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. (PG&E) FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING UNDERGROUND MONITORING WELLS BETWEEN WEST "A" STREET AND WEST "B" STREET AND WEST 7TH STREET AND WEST 9TH STREET IN THE CITY OF MCCOOK RIGHT-OF-WAY AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN.

Upon a motion by Mayor Berry, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, the Council voted to approve the Encroachment Agreement with Panhandle Geotechnical & Environmental, Inc. (PG&E) for the purpose of installing underground monitoring wells between West "A" Street and West "B" Street and West 7th Street and West 9th Street in the City of McCook right-of-way and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Berry, Gonzales, Calvin, Hepp, McDowell. NAY: None.

(6) COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Mayor Berry reported that as of December 31, Great Plains Communications will be dropping Fox Sports Midwest. They will maintain Big 12 Football on Fox Sports One. He noted that we should applaud the group responsible for the Christmas Light Parade held this past weekend and he thanked all city staff that helped to make the event a success.

(7) ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Berry declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Dennis Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk