

MCCOOK CITY COUNCIL
March 3, 2014
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, McDowell.

Absent: Councilmember Hepp.

City Officials present: City Attorney Schneider, Co-Interim City Manager/Public Works Director Potthoff; Co-Interim City Manager/City Clerk-Treasurer Doak, Police Chief Isaac Brown, Utilities Director Jesse Dutcher, Fire Chief Marc Harpham.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on February 27, 2014, 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.

Clark Bates, pastor of the McCook Christian Church, was present for the invocation.

(2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

(3) CITIZEN'S COMMENTS.

Mike Brown read a letter from Donnie Schamel asking the Council to promote Kyle Potthoff and Lea Ann Doak to the City Manager position. They both have been with the City for twenty plus years and have done a good job. Give them both \$20,000 a year raise as managers and save \$50,000 by not hiring a new out-of-state manager.

(4) MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS.

Co-Interim City Manager Potthoff informed the Council that to date the City has received fifteen applications for the City Manager's position.

(5) APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY 2014 AS "BIKE MONTH" IN THE CITY OF MCCOOK AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN.

Tim Monzon was present to ask the Council to declare the month of May as "Bike Month". He is planning activities to be held in Norris Park on May 3 to promote bicycling and skateboarding. A ride is also planned to Box Elder cemetery.

(6) CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Gonzales requested that Item C be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.

ITEM A APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2014 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Upon a motion by Mayor Berry, seconded by Councilmember Calvin, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2014 regular City Council meeting. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Berry, Gonzales, Calvin, McDowell. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hepp.

ITEM B RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2013 LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AND THE JANUARY 7, 2014 AND THE FEBRUARY 4, 2014 SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS.

Upon a motion by Mayor Berry, seconded by Councilmember Calvin, the Council voted to receive and file the minutes of the December 11, 2013 Library Advisory Board meeting and the January 7, 2014 and the February 4, 2014 Senior Center Advisory Board meetings. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Berry, Gonzales, Calvin, McDowell. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hepp.

ITEM D APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A SITE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MCCOOK AND TISDALE NEBRASKA, LLC FOR THE PLACEMENT OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT ON THE WEST WATER TOWER.

Upon a motion by Mayor Berry, seconded by Councilmember Calvin, the Council voted to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a site lease agreement between the City of McCook and Tisdale Nebraska, LLC for the placement of communication equipment on the West Water tower. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Berry, Gonzales, Calvin, McDowell. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hepp.

ITEM E APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE HERITAGE ANTIQUE TRACTOR CLUB TO CLOSE THE 700 BLOCK OF EAST FIRST STREET AND TO UTILIZE NORRIS PARK FOR AN ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW AND BARBECUE ON JUNE 6, 2014 FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GREAT NEBRASKA TRACTOR RIDE.

Upon a motion by Mayor Berry, seconded by Councilmember Calvin, the Council voted to approve the request from the Heritage Antique Tractor Club to close the 700 block of East First Street and to utilize Norris Park for an Antique Tractor Show and Barbecue on June 6, 2014 from 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. in conjunction with the Great Nebraska Tractor Ride. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Berry, Gonzales, Calvin, McDowell. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hepp.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 6C APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,500.00 FROM CITY COUNCIL CONTINGENCY TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET TO ALLOW FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Brown stated that a Detective vehicle would be replaced with a smaller more fuel efficient vehicle.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember McDowell, the Council voted to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$20,500.00 from City Council Contingency to the Police Department Capital Outlay budget to allow for the purchase of a vehicle for use by the Police Department. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Berry, Gonzales, Calvin, McDowell. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hepp.

(7) COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Mayor Berry noted that Councilmembers Gonzales and McDowell, along with Gene Weedon and Lonnie Anderson had filled for the three open seats on the Council.

Councilmembers McDowell and Gonzales thanked the City for allowing them to attend the League of Nebraska Municipalities conference this past week in Lincoln. It was another great conference, they do an excellent job on topics and it provides a means to meet with other communities to learn how they do things.

(8) 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