

MCCOOK CITY COUNCIL
January 5, 2015
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 Gonzales, Councilmembers Calvin, Hepp, McDowell, Weedin.

Absent: None.

City Officials present: City Manager/City Attorney Schneider, City Clerk/Treasurer Doak, Police Chief Brown, Fire Chief Harpham, Public Works Director Potthoff, and Senior Services Director.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on December 31, 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 Gonzales 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 - RICK STAPP, FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

No one was present for the invocation.

(2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Councilmember Calvin led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(3) CITIZEN'S COMMENTS.

No one was present for citizen's comments.

(4) ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS.

There were no announcements or recognitions.

(5) CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM A APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2014 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Upon a motion by Councilmember McDowell, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 regular City Council meeting. The motion

passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Calvin, Hepp, McDowell, Weedin.
NAY: None.

ITEM B RECEIVE AND FILE THE CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2014
AS PUBLISHED DECEMBER 17, 2014.

Upon a motion by Councilmember McDowell, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted to receive and file the claims for the month of November 2014 as published December 17, 2014. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Calvin, Hepp, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

ITEM C APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF MCCOOK AND MILLER & ASSOCIATES,
CONSULTING ENGINEERS, P.C., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE
CITY OF MCCOOK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR
TO SIGN.

Upon a motion by Councilmember McDowell, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted to approve the Professional Service Consultant Agreement between the City of McCook and Miller & Associates, Consulting Engineers, P.C., for engineering services for the City of McCook Community Development Block Grant Downtown Revitalization Project and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Calvin, Hepp, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

ITEM D ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01 AMENDING THE ADOPTED CITY OF
MCCOOK DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICIES, EXHIBIT "A" - CITY OF
MCCOOK PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY.

Upon a motion by Councilmember McDowell, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01 amending the adopted City of McCook Drug and Alcohol Policies, Exhibit "A" - City of McCook Public Transportation Substance Abuse Policy. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Calvin, Hepp, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

REGULAR AGENDA

(6) RECEIVE AND FILE A REPORT FROM RENEE BAUER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
PRAIRIE GOLD HOMES, REGARDING THE POTENTIAL LEASE AND USE OF THE
OLD PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER.

Renee Bauer, Executive Director of Prairie Gold Homes, made a presentation regarding the potential lease and use of the old public safety center. Prairie Gold Homes is a non-profit corporation that partners with a variety of public and private organizations to provide convicted offenders with comprehensive education and job training programs, with an emphasis on the design and build of quality modular homes that meet local needs. They are based in Lincoln and has partnered with the State of Nebraska to provide training programs to state offenders sentenced to incarceration in Lincoln. The goal of the program is to provide offenders with job skills which will help them when

the are released from prison. They have a need to expand to out-state Nebraska and would like to lease the old public safety center for a minimal fee to use as a hands on learning center for inmates placed at the Work Ethic Camp. The inmates would learn how to build basic housing.

Dennis Berry, McCook resident, spoke in support of leasing the facility to Prairie Gold Homes.

City Manager Schneider noted that he has a proposal from Tom Luhrs for an appraisal in the amount of \$2,500. Continued discussion of this item will be placed on the next agenda.

- (7) AWARD THE BID FOR ONE (1) NEW 2013 CATERPILLAR CT660 DAY CAB SEMI TRACTOR TO NMC TRUCK CENTERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,500.00, WHICH INCLUDES ALTERNATE 1B, AN ENGINE COMPRESSION BRAKE.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Calvin, seconded by Councilmember McDowell, the Council voted to award the bid for one (1) new 2013 Caterpillar CT660 Day Cab Semi Tractor to NMC Truck Centers in the amount of \$82,500.00, which includes Alternate 1B, an Engine Compression Brake. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Calvin, Hepp, McDowell, Weedon. NAY: None.

- (8) COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Council members thanked staff for their all that they did removing snow during this past storm, it is greatly appreciated and Councilmember McDowell thank the unknown individual who cleaned his walks when he was out of town.

- (9) ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gonzales declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Michael D. Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk