

MCCOOK CITY COUNCIL
February 26, 2015
7:00 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 7:00 o'clock P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Gonzales, Councilmembers Calvin, McDowell, Weedon (arrived 8:10 P.M.)

Absent: Councilmember Hepp.

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

Public present: Dick Cappel, Leon Kuhlen, Bruce Baker (McCook Daily Gazette), Nate James, Dan Dueland, Kermit Arterburn, Keith Arterburn, Charlene Arterburn, Rex Nelson, Jim Ulrich, Wayne Michaelis, Bernie Real, and Dick Trail.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on February 23, 2015, 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) PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CONTINUATION OF CURRENT CITY SALES TAX.

City Manager Schneider and Public Works Director Potthoff presented information on the current city sales tax, including amounts received and projects completed.

The McCook Economic Development (MEDC) Director Rex Nelson presented a summary of uses of the LB840 since 2007 and the services that the MEDC provides.

Discussion was held regarding proposed projects for use of the sales tax dollars. Those in attendance voted for their top three projects. The following projects were proposed:

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>VOTES/PRIORITY</u>
Buy Down Debt	10
Housing Improvements and associated infrastructure	7

Extending Infrastructure for future annexation	7
Blighted Property Demolition	5
Replacing Existing Infrastructure (Water and Sewer)	5
Event Center/Conference Center	4
Recreation Facilities	4
Infrastructure for new Business	3
Water Park	3
Large Equipment Purchases	2
Street Improvements	1
Renovate Existing Facilities	0

(2) ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gonzales declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Michael D. Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk