

MCCOOK CITY COUNCIL
April 6, 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 7:35 o'clock P.M. in the City Council Chambers after the adjournment of the Community Development Agency meeting.

Present: Mayor Gonzales, Councilmembers Calvin, Hepp, McDowell, Weedon.

Absent: None.

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

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on April 2, 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) INVOCATION - THE MCCOOK MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION - RICK STAPP, FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

Lucy Stapp, representing the First Church of the Nazarene, 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.

Robert Yost addressed the Council regarding city ordinances which forbid discharging of firearms, including pellet guns, a bow and arrow, or slingshot within the City. He asked that they consider reinstating the provision allowing residents to obtain a public discharge permit for use on private property.

Lucy Stapp informed the Council that April 13 - 17 is the "Week of the Young Child".

(4) ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS.

City Manager Schneider informed the Council that he had attended the first stakeholders meeting of the Republican River Valley Basin. Representatives of the Nebraska Natural Resource Districts

were present and round table discussions were conducted regarding this very important issue for the future of all Nebraska.

(5) PROCLAMATIONS:

ITEM A PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF APRIL 12 - 18, 2015 AS "NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR'S WEEK" AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE PROCLAMATION.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Calvin, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted to proclaim the week of April 12 - 18, 2015 as "National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week" and authorize the Mayor to sign the proclamation. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

ITEM B APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2015 AS "SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH" AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN.

Nyssa Salazar, Legal Advocate for the Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services in McCook, presented the request to the Council. Their hopes are to raise awareness of the issues and what services are available.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Calvin, seconded by Councilmember McDowell, the Council voted to approve the proclamation designating the month of April 2015 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

ITEM C APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 6 - 10, 2015 AS "PUBLIC TRANSIT WEEK" AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hepp, seconded by Councilmember Weedin, the Council voted to approve the proclamation designating the week of April 6 - 10, 2015 as "Public Transit Week" and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

(6) CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM A APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND THE MARCH 18, 2015 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Calvin, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 regular City Council meeting and the March 18, 2015 special City Council meeting. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

ITEM B RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2015 LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Calvin, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted

to receive and file the minutes of the February 11, 2015 Library Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

ITEM C ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08 APPROVING THE AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HANGAR AT MCCOOK BEN NELSON REGIONAL AIRPORT AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ALL ASSOCIATED PAPERWORK.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Calvin, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted to adopt Resolution No. 2015-08 approving the Agency Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics for the construction of a new hangar at McCook Ben Nelson Regional Airport and authorize the Mayor to sign all associated paperwork. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

ITEM D ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-09 GRANTING A WAIVER OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES TO THE MCCOOK HOUSING AGENCY.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Calvin, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted to adopt Resolution No. 2015-09 granting a Waiver of Payment in Lieu of Taxes to the McCook Housing Agency. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

ITEM E APPROVE THE GRANT OF LICENSE WITH MCCOOK COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR USE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE EAST SIDE OF EAST FIRST STREET BETWEEN EAST "L" STREET AND EAST "M" STREET TO CONSTRUCT OFF STREET PARKING AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Calvin, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted to approve the Grant of License with McCook Community College for use of right-of-way on the east side of East First Street between East "L" Street and East "M" Street to construct off street parking and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

ITEM F APPROVE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2015 ARMOR COATING AND SET THE DATE AND TIME TO RECEIVE BIDS AS APRIL 22, 2015 AT 2:00 P.M.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Calvin, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted to approve the plans and specifications for the 2015 Armor Coating and set the date and time to receive bids as April 22, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

REGULAR AGENDA

(7) DISCUSS WHETHER OR NOT TO CHANGE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIMES.

Mayor Gonzales requested staff to have a review and discussion of meeting times on the agenda. A pool of communities showed that the earliest time was 5:30 P.M. in Kearney with the latest being 7:30 P.M. Councilmembers are to let staff know what their preference would be so that consideration of such change could be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

(8) COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Councilmember Hepp stated that she felt the meeting last Monday at the Work Ethic Camp with the Governor, the head of Education, and the head of Corrections went well and was very informative.

Mayor Gonzales thanked Councilmember Calvin all of his hard work on getting the ball rolling regarding future use of the Work Ethic Camp.

Councilmember Calvin asked for information regarding alley lighting within the City, both public and private.

(9) ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gonzales declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Michael D. Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk