

MCCOOK CITY COUNCIL
January 4, 2010
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 Auditorium.

Present: Mayor Berry, Councilmembers Kircher, Anderson, Calvin, Gonzales; City Attorney Schneider; City Manager Fritsch; City Clerk-Treasurer Doak.

Absent: None.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on December 31, 2009, 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 - MARY HENDRICKS, ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Mary Hendricks, pastor of the St. Alban's Episcopal Church, was present for the invocation.

(2) CITIZEN'S FORUM.

Andy Snyder, Investment Banker, Public Finance, with Smith Hayes encouraged the Council to bring in at least two bond underwriters to help the City get the best rates and fees if they plan to bond any large projects, such as the considered public facilities on the old West Ward site.

(3) MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS.

City Manager Fritsch informed the Council that the Lieutenant Governor will be in McCook on January 14, 2010 at 1:45 P.M. to give the State of the State address.

(4) APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2010 AS "OFFICIAL RADON ACTION MONTH" AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN.

Myra Stoney, a representative of the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department, requested Council approval of the proposed proclamation. She noted that radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that threatens the lives of citizens of our area. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Her department has kits that can be used to detect radon and they encourage all citizens to conduct this test.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Kircher, seconded by Councilmember Calvin, the Council voted to

approve the proclamation designating the month of January 2010, as “Official Radon Action Month” and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Berry, Kircher, Anderson, Calvin, Gonzales. NAY: None.

(5) CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM A APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2009 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Calvin, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2009 regular City Council meeting. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Berry, Kircher, Anderson, Calvin, Gonzales. NAY: None.

ITEM B APPROVE THE TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH MILLER & ASSOCIATES, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, P.C., FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM 1 FUNDS, GRANT NUMBER 094ND45, AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Calvin, the Council voted to approve the Technical and Professional Services Contract with Miller & Associates, Consulting Engineers, P.C., for administration of the Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1 Funds, Grant Number 094ND45, and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Berry, Kircher, Anderson, Calvin, Gonzales. NAY: None.

REGULAR AGENDA

(6) UPDATE AND PRESENTATION FROM PROCHASKA & ASSOCIATES REGARDING THE WEST WARD SITE.

Jim Classe and Steve Riley of Prochaska & Associates gave an update of proposed facilities and possible demolition on the West Ward site. The presented revised estimated costs of a new Fire Station were \$2,990,440, for construction of a new Police Station/City Offices were \$3,460,210, and for a Police Station/City Offices in the renovated former school building plus an addition were \$3,379,133. They stated that combining the two projects into one would generate a savings. They estimated the cost of the combined project of building both new facilities to be \$6,068,270. The Council requested that they prepare a cost estimate for the combined project of using the renovated school building for construction of the Police Station/City Offices along with construction of a new Fire Station.

(7) COUNCIL COMMENTS.

The Council congratulated the McCook Young Leaders upon the success of their 1st Night Event. It was well received and enjoyed by all.

(8) ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Berry declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Dennis Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk