

MCCOOK CITY COUNCIL
January 25, 2010
Special Meeting
6:00 P.M.

A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA convened in open, special, and public session at 6:00 o'clock P.M. in the City of McCook Public Safety Center, Fire Training/Meeting room.

Present: Mayor Berry, Councilmembers Kircher, Anderson, Calvin, Gonzales; City Attorney Schneider (arrived 6:45 P.M.); City Manager Fritsch; City Clerk-Treasurer Doak (arrived 6:00 P.M.)

Absent: None.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on January 21, 2010, 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 meeting room and available for public review.

(1) TOUR OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER.

Fire Chief Marc Harpham and Police Ike Brown conducted tours of their respective departments.

(2) WORK SESSION REGARDING LONG RANGE MUNICIPAL FACILITY NEEDS.

A work session was held regarding the following topics:

- Are there similar Sheriff/County needs that can be met with a joint facility? Does the City wish to partner on such a project?
- Space and Use Needs for Fire Department.
- Space and Use Needs for the Police Department.
- Space and Use needs for City Administration.
- What are the limitations or advantages of remodeling the Current Emergency Operations Center?
- What are the limitations or advantages of remodeling the National Guard Armory?
- Costs of remodeling West Ward School. Functionality.
- Cost of a new building for Police and City Administration. Functionality.
- Options available to reduce costs of a new facility.
- Funding Methods and Options.
 - Annual Operating Budget
 - Sales Tax
 - General Obligation Bond
 - Build in phases
- Cost of doing projects now vs. Cost of putting off.

- Discussion of past bond failure.
- Discussion of fate of West Ward School.
- Additional topics.

It was the general consensus that the needs of the Police, Fire, and Administrative Offices are evident and need to be addressed in some form.

Red Willow County Commissioners Earl McNutt and Leigh Hoyt stated that they are always open to discussion about a joint city/county law enforcement facility. The needs of the county are a sheriff's department and a new jail. Funding for the county would probably come in the form of a bond placed before the voters.

McCook Schools Superintendent Grant Norgaard said the school would be interested in sharing meeting space. If the National Guard Armory were offered to them, they have plans of possibly using the facility for class rooms and a bus barn.

Tom Bredvick, John Hubert, Duane Tappe each had questions of the Council regarding the proposed project.

Troy Brunz encouraged the Council not to complete the project in phases. In working with the hospital construction, which will be completed in phases, due to inflation, construction costs can increase 50%.

(3) PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no additional public comments.

(4) DIRECTION TO CITY STAFF LONG RANGE MUNICIPAL FACILITY NEEDS.

City Staff was directed to have a cost analysis completed of using the National Guard Armory for the joint Police/City Administration facility and when that facility will be available; evaluate space requirement needs for the proposed new Police/City Administration facility to try and lower the cost; and place consideration of demolition of the old West Ward building on the agenda of the next City Council meeting.

(5) ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Berry declared the meeting adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

Dennis Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk