

MCCOOK CITY COUNCIL
March 7, 2016
6:30 P.M.

A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA convened in open, regular, and public session at 6:30 o'clock P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

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

Absent: None.

City Officials present: City Manager Schneider, City Attorney Mustion, City Clerk Doak, Police Chief Brown, 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 March 3, 2016, 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. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, Mayor Gonzales called the meeting to order.

1. Citizen's Comments.

There were no citizen comments.

2. Announcements & Recognitions.

Public Works Director Potthoff announced that the City of McCook received the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum Community Landscape Award in recognition of improvements implemented to U.S. Highway 6 and 34 at the intersection of Norris Avenue and "B" Street.

Police Chief Brown announced that Patrol Officer Colin Rogers recently graduated from the Police Academy, and thanked Tim and Kristi Daum for the recognition plaques presented to the City of McCook Law Enforcement and Fire Department and those who planned the McCook Law Enforcement Tribute held this past weekend.

City Manager Schneider informed the Council that the annexation presentation has been moved to the first meeting in April and that the first Pool Committee meeting was held this past week.

3. Public Hearings.

- A. Conduct a public hearing concerning an amendment and extension to the McCook Economic Development Program with the City Attorney to act as Hearing Officer.

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

to recess as a City Council and convene a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment concerning an amendment and extension to the McCook Economic Development Program with the City Attorney to act as hearing officer. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedon. NAY: None.

The City Attorney offered and received into evidence Exhibit #1 - City Manager's Report dated March 7, 2016 (1 page); Exhibit #2 - proposed Resolution No. 2016-05 (3 pages); Exhibit #3 - Notice of Election - Amendment to Economic Development Program (4 pages); and Exhibit #4 - Draft for 2016 Election, City of McCook Economic Development Plan (16 pages).

City Manager Schneider reviewed the Draft Plan with the Council.

Rex Nelson, McCook Economic Development Corporation Director and Jim Ulrich, McCook Economic Development Corporation Board President reviewed the revised plan highlights and the progress of the MEDC to date.

Wayne Michaelis questioned the timing of the election. Thought it could only be taken to a vote every 23 months.

City Manager Schneider clarified that the 23 month restriction pertained only to the actual sales tax question, not the LB840 plan.

Dennis Berry spoke in support of the LB840 plan.

Council and Staff thanked Mr. Nelson for all that he has done for the MEDC and wished him well with his future endeavors.

There being no one else present to comment, upon a motion by Councilmember Weedon, seconded by Councilmember McDowell, the Council voted to adjourn the public hearing and to reconvene as a City Council. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedon. NAY: None.

- B. Adopt Resolution No. 2016-05 providing for an amendment and extension to the City of McCook's Economic Development Plan and that the issue be submitted to the qualified electors at the primary election to be held on May 10, 2016.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Calvin, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted to adopt Resolution No. 2016-05 providing for an amendment and extension to the City of McCook's Economic Development Plan and that the issue be submitted to the qualified electors at the primary election to be held on May 10, 2016. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedon. NAY: None.

4. Consent Agenda.

**The Consent Agenda is approved on one motion. Any item listed on the Consent Agenda may, by the request of any single Councilmember or public in attendance, be considered as a separate item under the Regular Agenda.*

- A. Approve the minutes of the February 15, 2016 regular City Council meeting and the February 29, 2016 special City Council meeting.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Calvin, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2016 regular City Council meeting and the

February 29, 2016 special City Council meeting. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

- B. Approve the request from Ronda Graff to utilize city streets and walking trails for the 2016 Republican River Race Series on the following dates March 19, May 12, July 16 and 23, August 6, September 24, November 19, and December 17, 2016.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Calvin, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted to approve the request from Ronda Graff to utilize city streets and walking trails for the 2016 Republican River Race Series on the following dates March 19, May 12, July 16 and 23, August 6, September 24, November 19, and December 17, 2016. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

- C. Approve the application for a Special Designated Liquor License submitted by JBN, Inc. - License Number D-100025, for a dance/reception to be held at the McCook Municipal Auditorium, 302 West 5th Street (West 5th and "C" Street), on May 21, 2016 from 1:00 P.M. to 12:30 A.M.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Calvin, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted to approve the application for a Special Designated Liquor License submitted by JBN, Inc. - License Number D-100025, for a dance/reception to be held at the McCook Municipal Auditorium, 302 West 5th Street (West 5th and "C" Street), on May 21, 2016 from 1:00 P.M. to 12:30 A.M. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

- D. Receive and file the Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2016.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Calvin, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted to receive and file the Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2016. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

- E. Receive and file the minutes of the January 13, 2016 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 January 13, 2016 Library Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

- F. Receive and file claim for damages from Rebecca Stevens and instruct that it be submitted to the City's insurance carrier for review and appropriate action.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Calvin, seconded by Councilmember Hepp, the Council voted to receive and file claim for damages from Rebecca Stevens and instruct that it be submitted to the City's insurance carrier for review and appropriate action. The motion passed upon the following roll call vote: YEA: Gonzales, Hepp, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None.

5. Regular Agenda.

- A. Receive and file a presentation from McCook Fire Chief Marc Harpham providing an update regarding the McCook Fire Department.

McCook Fire Chief Marc Harpham provided an update regarding the McCook Fire Department.

B. Council Comments.

Council comments included thanking the Law Enforcement members who were honored this past weekend at the tribute banquet; presented the City with a check for \$10,879.00 from the Public Alliance for Community Energy Member Distribution; and that the Governor will be in town on March 14 for an Ag Week lunch.

■ **Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gonzales declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Michael D. Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk-Treasurer