

McCook City Council
February 5, 2018
6:30 PM Central

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 Calvin, McDowell, Weedon.

Absent: Councilmember Hepp.

City Officials present: City Manager Schneider, City Attorney Mustion, City Clerk Doak, Police Chief Brown, Library Director Crocker, 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 February 1, 2018, 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 Acknowledgement 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. Invocation was provided by Bruce Lester, pastor of the McCook Evangelical Free Church. 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.

No one was present for Citizen's Comments.

2. Announcements & Recognitions.

In response to questions from City Manager Schneider, it was the consensus of the Council to have the hotel occupancy tax brought back to the Council for discussion and consideration.

3. Presentation.

3.A. Accept the Financial Statements and Supplemental Information for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2017 prepared by Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway, & Luth, Certified Public Accountants.

Terry Galloway of Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway, & Luth presented the Financial Statements to the

Council for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2017, stating that it is once again a clean unmodified opinion, the highest level to obtain, which is quite an accomplishment.

Motion to accept the Financial Statements and Supplemental Information for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2017 prepared by Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway, & Luth, Certified Public Accountants. This motion, made by Councilmember Weedin and seconded by Councilmember Calvin, passed.

Gonzales: YEA, Hepp: Absent, Calvin: YEA, McDowell: YEA, Weedin: YEA
YEA: 4, NAY: 0, Absent: 1

4. Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Councilmember Calvin and seconded by Councilmember McDowell, passed.

Gonzales: YEA, Hepp: Absent, Calvin: YEA, McDowell: YEA, Weedin: YEA
YEA: 4, NAY: 0, Absent: 1

- 4.A. Approve the minutes of the January 15, 2018 regular City Council meeting.
- 4.B. Receive and file the Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2017.
- 4.C. Approve an updated lease agreement with AirMd, L.L.C. d/b/a "Life Team".
- 4.D. Receive the minutes of the November 8, 2017 Library Advisory Board meeting.
- 4.E. Approve the application for a Special Designated Liquor License submitted by the City of McCook for an Employee Banquet to be held at the McCook Municipal Auditorium, 302 West 5th Street, on March 2, 2018 from 2:00 P.M. to 11:59 P.M.
- 4.F. Approve the application for a Special Designated Liquor License submitted by JBN, Inc., dba Hi Times Liquor Mart 1, Liquor License #DK-100025, for a wedding reception to be held at the McCook Municipal Auditorium, 302 West 5th Street, on August 4, 2018 from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.
- 4.G. Receive and file the 2018 Council Radio Schedule.

5. Regular Agenda.

- 5.A. Recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission the Application for Change of Location to Liquor License #121305, Citta' Deli, LLC, dba "Citta' Deli", new address 110 West 1st Street, old address 110 West 3rd Street.

Bill Lesko, license holder for Citta' Deli, was present to answer any questions from the Council.

Motion to recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission the Application for

Change of Location to Liquor License #121305, Citta' Deli, LLC, dba "Citta' Deli", new address 110 West 1st Street, old address 110 West 3rd Street. This motion, made by Councilmember Calvin and seconded by Councilmember McDowell, passed.

Gonzales: YEA, Hepp: Absent, Calvin: YEA, McDowell: YEA, Weedon: YEA
YEA: 4, NAY: 0, Absent: 1

5.B. Recommend to the Department of Transportation to accept the proposal from Boutique Air to operate 12 nonstop round trips per week from McCook Ben Nelson Regional Airport to Denver International Airport for a 4 year contract as voted upon by the Airport Advisory Commission.

Motion to recommend to the Department of Transportation to accept the proposal from Boutique Air to operate 12 nonstop round trips per week from McCook Ben Nelson Regional Airport to Denver International Airport for a 4 year contract as voted upon by the Airport Advisory Commission. This motion, made by Councilmember Weedon and seconded by Councilmember Calvin, passed.

Janet Hepp: Absent, Jerry Calvin: YEA, Mike Gonzales: YEA, Bruce McDowell: YEA, Gene Weedon: YEA
YEA: 4, NAY: 0, Absent: 1

5.C. Discuss potential capital improvements, such as a swimming pool or auditorium upgrade/event center, relative to current and future budget forecasts.

Discussion included selling the "A" Street park property; the need to address the public safety issues at Barnett Park; the needed upgrade of the swimming pool, conducting a funding campaign for the project, what has happened in other communities, now that their pools have been open (attendance, maintenance costs, staffing issues), funds maybe needed to keep the existing pool operational; Barnett Park should be at the top of the list because of the public safety issues; because City infrastructure issues have been put on the back burner for several years, the need is there to spend money on the City, taking care of the City's needs first; the possibility of establishing a hotel occupancy tax to generate around \$75,000-\$100,000; conducting a planning/strategic planning session with the public to review City needs and to rank those needs; and the need to get cost estimates for the various projects to assist in the ranking.

5.D. Council Comments.

Councilmember Weedon informed the Council that the ACE Board of Directors voted to distribution over \$250,000 back to the 73 communities that make up the Public Alliance for Community Energy. McCook's share will be around \$12,900 and Councilmember McDowell noted that on his recent one night stay in Omaha an additional 17% was added onto his bill for taxes and fees.

Other comments included the extensions of high compliments to the public works staff for keeping city streets open and clean during the recent snow storm; thanking staff for all they do so the City once again received an excellent audit report; and thanking the Southwest Nebraska Leadership group for painting of the entryway at the auditorium, it is a nice improvement and is greatly appreciated.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gonzales declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Michael D. Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk-Treasurer