

McCook City Council
Special Meeting
May 10, 2018
6:30 PM Central

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

Present: Mayor Gonzales, Councilmembers Hepp, McDowell, Weedin.

Absent: Councilmember Calvin.

City Officials present: City Manager Schneider, City Clerk Doak, Police Chief Brown, Utilities Director Dutcher, Fire Chief Harpham, and Senior Services Director Siegfried.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on May 4, 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.

1. Town hall meeting - strategic planning.

City Manager Schneider gave a review of the history of sales tax for the City. It started with a 1%, divided 50/50 between property tax relief and capital/infrastructure. An additional ½% was added in 2007/2008 to be used 50/50 to fund a LB840 plan and capital/infrastructure. The ballot language in 2014 combined the two together and capital outlay/equipment was added to the list of things that it could be used for.

City Manager Schneider reviewed the list from the previous town hall meeting.

Handicap accessibility along the streets and curbs was added to the list of concerns.

Jeff Tidyman reviewed the highlights of their Auditorium Feasibility study presented to the Council earlier in the year.

Grant Norgaard, Pool Committee Chairman, was present to review the recommendation from the committee.

Discussion included to replace or renovate the pool, how to fund the additional operation and maintenance, the possibility of combining the facility with the YMCA, and its location; additional funding for streets; need to establish reserves for equipment replacement; and maybe the levy should be increased to cover maintenance and operation expenses, which should not come from property tax.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gonzales declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Michael D. Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk-Treasurer