

MCCOOK CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting
September 27, 2010
7:00 P.M.

A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA convened in open, special, and public session at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at the Heritage Senior Center.

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 September 23, 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 Senior Center and available for public review.

(1) TOWN HALL MEETING - MUNICIPAL FACILITIES ELECTION.

City Manager Fritsch, Fire Chief Marc Harpham, and Police Chief Ike Brown gave a short presentation on the proposed facility and funding of the facility. The bond for the proposed facility will be paid for using sales tax funds over a period of seven years.

Kathleen Bills stated she would prefer to see the facility outside of town, expressing concerns with neighborhoods being disturbed and having to pay her water bill at the same location as someone being brought into the police station.

Jerry Nieman asked if the Council had taken care of the sewer and storm sewer that pass through the middle of the block.

Wayne Michaelis asked if the Council had addressed the additional operation costs of a new facility compared to current facilities, had they taken into consideration the lost revenue for jail and dispatch, and if the City had checked into grants for the facility.

(2) RECONSIDER DECISION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH RECOMMENDED DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO USE NSP FUNDS TO DEMOLISH THE WEST WARD BUILDING PROVIDED A REASONABLE SCHEDULE MAY BE MAINTAINED IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH ALL CONSTRUCTION GOALS.

Councilmember Kircher introduced a motion to reconsider the decision to move forward with recommended Department of Economic Development conditions in order to use NSP funds to demolish the West Ward building provided a reasonable schedule may be maintained in order to accomplish all construction goals. Motion was seconded by Mayor Berry.

Dale Cotton, Bill Mathies, Jerry Nieman, and Vickie Drake expressed concerns with demolition of West Ward.

Gene Morris asked that the Council consider holding off on the demolition until after the November election.

Councilmember Kircher expressed concerns spending \$20,000 for the completion of a historical survey on the building. If it is not accepted by the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO), the survey expense would be non-refundable and add to the cost of demolition.

City Attorney Schneider stated both firms contacted to do the survey would be able to have it completed within a very short time. He has visited with SHPO and they indicated they would be able to complete their review in time for us to meet our mid November demolition date. He felt that we should be able to meet the Section 106 requirements in order to receive the federal funds for demolition.

The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall the motion on the floor to reconsider the decision to move forward with recommended Department of Economic Development conditions in order to use NSP funds to demolish the West Ward building provided a reasonable schedule may be maintained in order to accomplish all construction goals be approved?" Upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted YEA: Kircher, Anderson. NAY: Berry, Calvin, Gonzales. Motion failed.

(3) ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Berry declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Dennis Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk