

McCook City Council  
October 7, 2024  
5:30 P.M. Central

A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA convened in open, regular, and public session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Taylor, Councilmembers Calvin, Weedon, Muehlenkamp, Rambali.

Absent: None.

City Officials present: City Manager Schneider, City Attorney Mustion, City Clerk Doak, Assistant City Manager Koetter, Utilities Director Fawver, Fire Chief Harpham, Police Chief Hodgson, and Senior Services Director Siegfried.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on October 3, 2024, 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 Taylor 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 Jeremy Labrie, Memorial Methodist Church. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

## **1. Announcements & Recognitions.**

Mayor Taylor read a note from McCook Chamber of Commerce Director Sarah Schneider extending a heartfelt thanks to all city staff for their dedication and support in making McCook and Norris Park welcoming and beautiful for Heritage Days. She has heard nothing but great things about the community and the event.

City Manager Schneider informed the Council that a Board of Zoning Adjustment meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2024 at noon.

## **2. Proclamations.**

- 2.A. Approve the proclamation designating October 6 - 12, 2024 as "Fire Prevention Week" and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Fire Chief Harpham addressed the request. This year they started Fire Prevention Week hosting a

fire training school through their Mutual Aid Association. About 40 firefighters attended from thirteen different communities; adding, it was good to see firefighters from far distances away come to our conference.

Motion to approve the proclamation designating October 6 - 12, 2024 as "Fire Prevention Week" and authorize the Mayor to sign. This motion, made by Weedon and seconded by Calvin, passed.

Taylor: YEA, Calvin: YEA, Weedon: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA  
YEA: 5, NAY: 0

### **3. Consent Agenda.**

Councilmember Calvin requested that Item 3.G. be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.

Motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. This motion, made by Weedon and seconded by Rambali, passed.

Taylor: YEA, Calvin: YEA, Weedon: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA  
YEA: 5, NAY: 0

- 3.A. Approve the minutes of the September 16, 2024 regular City Council meeting and the September 4, 2024 and October 1, 2024 special City Council meetings.
- 3.B. Ratify the Mayor's appointments to the Airport Advisory Commission - appoint Austin Lambing - term expires November 2025; and to the Planning Commission - reappoint Chad Lyons and Jamie Mockry - terms expire September 2027; and appoint Mark Currier, alternate - term expires March 2027.
- 3.C. Ratify the appointment of Lance Gillen, Karen Bortner, Dan Sattler, Staci Blomstedt, Tacie Fawver, Steve Miller, Danny Gullion, Craig Dickes, Darcy Rambali, Jared Muehlenkamp, John Walters, Deborah Walters, Christian Conroy, and Jessica Bedore to the City of McCook's Sports Complex committee.
- 3.D. Update regarding the property located at 1107 West 4th Street.
- 3.E. Approve an easement from Performance Plus in favor of the City of McCook allowing for the City to maintain a utility easement for property located in the SW 1/4 of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 29 West of the 6th P.M., Red Willow County, Nebraska.
- 3.F. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the McCook Economic Development Corporation.
- 3.H. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-27 setting the property tax request for FY 2024/2025.
- 3.I. Accept the minutes of the July 10, 2024 Library Advisory Board meeting and the September 16, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.

3.J. Approve a Promissory Note between the City of McCook and Dustin and Amanda Trew.

3.K. Approve the request from Community Hospital to utilize the south one half of the city-owned parking lot located on the east side of the 400 block of West First Street as well as a portion of the on street parking on the east side of West First Street for the purpose of the construction of an apartment complex and the staging of equipment.

**4. Regular Agenda.**

3.G. Approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of McCook and Red Willow County Sheriff's office and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Motion to move consideration of this item to the October 21, 2024, City Council meeting. This motion, made by Calvin and seconded by Weedin, passed.

Taylor: YEA, Calvin: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA

YEA: 5, NAY: 0

4.A. Consider request and authorize the use of Community Betterment Funds to cover the rental fees for the "Share the Heat" fundraising event to be held at the Heritage Senior Center on October 27, 2024.

Araceli Santos-Ayala, Community Service Coordinator for Community Action Partnership of Mid Nebraska, was joined by her predecessor, Barb Ostrum, to make their request for funds from the City Council to cover the rental fees of the Heritage Senior Center for the "Share the Heat" fundraising event that will take place Oct. 27.

Motion to approve the request and authorize the use of Community Betterment Funds to cover the rental fees for the "Share the Heat" fundraising event to be held at the Heritage Senior Center on October 27, 2024. This motion, made by Muehlenkamp and seconded by Taylor, passed.

Taylor: YEA, Calvin: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA

YEA: 5, NAY: 0

4.B. Update regarding the sports complex project.

City Manager Schneider informed the Council that on October 2, the city closed on the property for the sports complex, housing, and commercial development. The Sports Complex Committee has been appointed to oversee the details of the sports complex. A meeting of the committee and Miller and Associates has been scheduled. Miller and Associates will assist with conceptual designs and the subdivision process and will prepare a Request for Qualifications to select a firm to design the complex.

4.C. Ordinance No. 2024-3087 providing for the amendment of Appendix F, Solid Waste Collection Fees of the City of McCook Code of Ordinances.

Mayor Taylor asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2024-3087 by title.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF APPENDIX F, SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEES, OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A RATE TO BE CHARGED FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-3072 AND ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

Ordinance No. 2024-3087 has been read by title and I move to approve upon its third and final reading. This motion, made by Calvin and seconded by Weedon, passed.

Taylor: YEA, Calvin: YEA, Weedon: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA  
YEA: 5, NAY: 0

Mayor Taylor stated for the record that Ordinance No. 2024-3087 is declared lawfully passed and adopted upon publication as required by law.

4.D. Ordinance No. 2024-3088 providing for the amendment of Chapter 38: Appendix E, Water Department Rates and Fees.

Mayor Taylor asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2024-3088 by title.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 38: FEE SCHEDULE - APPENDIX E , WATER DEPARTMENT RATES AND FEES; OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A RATE TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER BY THE MCCOOK WATER DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-3076 AND ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR A TIME AND DATE FROM AND AFTER WHICH THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE.

Ordinance No. 2024-3088 has been read by title and I move to approve upon its third and final reading. This motion, made by Rambali and seconded by Muehlenkamp, passed.

Taylor: YEA, Calvin: YEA, Weedon: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA  
YEA: 5, NAY: 0

Mayor Taylor stated for the record that Ordinance No. 2024-3088 is declared lawfully passed and adopted upon publication as required by law.

4.E. Ordinance No. 2024-3089 providing for the amendment of Chapter 38: Appendix D, Sewer Department Rates and Fees.

Mayor Taylor asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2024-3089 by title.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 38: FEE SCHEDULE - APPENDIX D, SEWER DEPARTMENT RATES AND FEES, OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-3077 AND ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING A TIME

AND DATE FROM AND AFTER WHICH THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE ENFORCED.

Ordinance No. 2024-3089 has been read by title and I move to approve upon its third and final reading. This motion, made by Weedon and seconded by Calvin, passed.

Taylor: YEA, Calvin: YEA, Weedon: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA  
YEA: 5, NAY: 0

Mayor Taylor stated for the record that Ordinance No. 2024-3089 is declared lawfully passed and adopted upon publication as required by law.

4.F. Council Comments.

There were no council comments.

**Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:56 P.M.

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Linda Taylor, Ex-officio Mayor  
and Council President

ATTEST:

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Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk-Treasurer