

McCook City Council
March 3, 2025
5:30 P.M.

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, Weedin, Muehlenkamp, Rambali.

Absent: None.

City Officials present: City Manager Schneider, City Attorney Mustion, City Clerk Doak, Assistant City Manager Koetter, Utilities Director Fawver, Police Chief Hodgson, 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 27, 2025, 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. The invocation was provided by Father Froeschl, St. Patrick Catholic 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.

City Manager Schneider informed the Council that meetings are scheduled to be held: Parks Advisory Board, March 13, 2025; Airport Advisory Board, March 17, 2025; and Tree Advisory Board, March 18, 2025. All meetings will be held at noon at the Heritage Senior Center.

Mr. Schneider also noted that Griff Malleck was recently honored with the 2025 NATA Airman of the year award and expressed his gratitude for the service he provided for a number of years as the FBO for the McCook Ben Nelson Regional Airport.

2. Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Weedin and seconded by Muehlenkamp, passed.

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

- 2.A. Approve the minutes of the February 17, 2025 regular City Council meeting.
- 2.B. Offer a contract to Van Kirk Bros. Contracting with a bid of \$499,950.25 as the lowest responsible bidder for Water Distribution Improvements Revised Project #2 and authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary paperwork to award the contract.
- 2.C. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-03 approving the executive of an Agency Agreement with the Department of Transportation-Division of Aeronautics of the State of Nebraska for Project No. 3-31-0052-020/021-2025(M04) to be submitted by the Division to the Federal Aviation Administration to obtain Federal Assistance for the Development of the McCook Ben Nelson Regional airport and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement and all associated documents.
- 2.D. Approve the request from Shannon Corder on behalf of St. Patrick School to close East "F" Street from East 3rd Street to East 4th Street for their G.I.F.T. Gala on March 14 and 15 from 4:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. each night.

3. Regular Agenda.

- 3.A. Update regarding the sports complex project.

City Manager Schneider gave an update on the sports complex project. Staff continues to work on various grants; with Mammoth Construction and Miller and Associates on the design of the complex and for the platting of the residential and commercial area surrounding the planned complex; and has contacted attorney Austin McKillip regarding the use of cooperative purchasing for various materials used in the construction of the complex.

- 3.B. Ordinance No. 2025-3096 establishing a means to convey City of McCook owned real estate/personal property to qualifying economic development organizations.

Mayor Taylor asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2025-3096 by title.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA AMENDING THE CITY OF MCCOOK CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 31, ENTITLED "CITY POLICIES", SUBCHAPTER "CITY PROPERTY", IN TITLE III "ADMINISTRATION", BY REPEALING SECTION 31.56, AMENDED AND TRANSFERRED TO SECTION 31.63 - SALE OR CONVEYANCE; REAL PROPERTY; ADDING SECTION 31.65 - DONATION; REAL PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE MADE A PART OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION THEREOF.

MEDC representatives, Amanda Engell and Charlie McPherson, were present to address questions from the Council and reviewed a couple of options that were being considered for housing design and floor plans for the project.

Ordinance No. 2025-3096 has been introduced, read by title, and I move to approve upon its first of three readings. This motion, made by Calvin and seconded by Rambali, passed.

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

3.C. Ordinance No. 2025-3097 amending the City of McCook Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54, City Parks and Property, Subchapter "City Swimming Pool", to include a provision to set reasonable fees for the management and maintenance of the McCook Aquatic Park.

Mayor Taylor asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2025-3097 by title.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA AMENDING THE CITY OF MCCOOK CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 54, ENTITLED "CITY PARKS AND PROPERTY", SUBCHAPTER "CITY SWIMMING POOL", IN TITLE V, "DEPARTMENTS", BY AMENDING SECTION 54.015 - OPERATION AND FUNDING; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE MADE A PART OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION THEREOF.

Ordinance No. 2025-3097 has been introduced, read by title, and I move to approve upon its first of three readings. This motion, made by Muehlenkamp and seconded by Taylor, passed.

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

3.D. Ordinance No. 2025-3098 establishing the McCook Aquatic Park's pool fees.

Mayor Taylor asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2025-3098 by title.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA AMENDING THE CITY OF MCCOOK CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 38: FEE SCHEDULE, APPENDIX O: SWIMMING POOL ADMISSION FEES; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE MADE A PART OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK CODE OF ORDINANCES, REPEALING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION THEREOF.

Ordinance No. 2025-3098 has been introduced, read by title, and I move to approve upon its first of three readings. This motion, made by Rambali and seconded by Weedin, passed.

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

3.E. 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 5:57 P.M.

Linda Taylor, Ex-officio Mayor
and Council President

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk-Treasurer