

McCook City Council
March 17, 2025
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, 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 March 13, 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. Invocation was provided by Jeff Donelan, McCook Evangelical Free 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 a special council meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2025 at noon and a Planning Commission meeting for March 31, 2025.

2. Presentation.

2.A. Presentation of the annual financial and cashflow update for the Water Utility and Sewer Utility funds as prepared by Public Financial Management, Inc.

Matt Stoffel, Public Financial Management, presented the annual financial and cashflow update for the Water Utility and Sewer Utility funds. The reports are utilized for necessary future rate increases, which will be presented for council review during the budget process.

3. Consent Agenda.

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

Taylor: YEA, Calvin: YEA, Weedon: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA

YEA: 5, NAY: 0

- 3.A. Approve the minutes of the March 3, 2025 regular City Council meeting.
- 3.B. Receive and file the claims for the month of February 2025, published March 7, 2025.
- 3.C. Approve Resolution No. 2025-04 providing for the incurring of indebtedness which may include reimbursements of expenditures made by the City in connection with construction of the sewer system project.
- 3.D. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-05, certifying that the City of McCook is considered to be capable of providing public transportation for its citizens for the two-year grant period consisting of fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 and fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
- 3.E. Approve the request from the McCook Chamber of Commerce to close West "C" Street from the west side of Norris Avenue to the west side of West 1st Street, which will include the intersection, and West 1st Street from "B" Street to "C" Street on June 28, 2025 from 7:30 A.M. to Midnight for their Bash on the Bricks Event.
- 3.F. Approve the request from Tricia Wagner to close the following Streets for the 9th Annual Cruisin' the Bricks Cruise Night and Car Show: June 28, 2025 from 7:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. - West 2nd Street from "B" Street to halfway between West "C" Street and West "D" Street (including the intersection at West 2nd and "C" Street); West "C" Street from West 1st Street to West 3rd Street (including alleys and the intersection of West 2nd Street and West "C" Street; June 28, 2025 from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. - West "C" Street from Norris Avenue to West 1st Street (including the alley); East "C" Street from Norris Avenue to East 1st Street (including the alley); including turning off the traffic signal at the intersection of Norris Avenue and "C" Street.
- 3.G. Approve an application from Telecom Construction to occupy City right-of-way for the purpose of replacing telephone cable for 302 East 4th Street.
- 3.H. Approve an application from Great Plains Communications to occupy city right-of-way for the purpose of installing underground fiber optic conduit, cable, and one new above-ground 2'Lx2'Wx3'H pedestal at East "I" and Apollo Road.
- 3.I. Approve an application from Great Plains Communications to occupy city right-of-way for the purpose of installing underground fiber optic conduit, cable, and one new ground-level vault at West "H" Street and West 14th Street.
- 3.J. Approve an application from Great Plains Communications to occupy city right-of-way for

the purpose of installing underground fiber optic conduit and cable at East "C" Street and Airport Road.

- 3.K. Approve an application from Great Plains Communications to occupy city right-of-way for the purpose of installing underground fiber optic conduit, cable, and four new ground-level vaults at West 10th Street and West "M" Street.
- 3.L. Approve an application from Great Plains Communications to occupy city right-of-way for the purpose of installing underground fiber optic conduit, cable, and three new ground-level vaults at West "O" Street and West 17th Street.
- 3.M. Approve an application from Great Plains Communications to occupy city right-of-way for the purpose of installing underground fiber optic conduit, cable, and 1 new ground level vault at West 17th Street and West "N" Street.
- 3.N. Approve an application from Great Plains Communications to occupy city right-of-way for the purpose of installing underground fiber optic conduit and cable at West "Q" Street and West Fairacres.

4. Regular Agenda.

- 4.A. Consider Ordinance No. 2025-3099 authorizing the issuance and sale of municipal improvement bond anticipation notes, in one or more series, by the City of McCook, Nebraska, of the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$16,000,000 for the purpose of providing interim financing for a portion of the costs of constructing infrastructure improvements associated with the sports complex.

Mayor Taylor introduced Ordinance No. 2025-3099 and asked the Clerk to read it by title. The Clerk read the title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA, OF THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED SIXTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$16,000,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INTERIM FINANCING FOR A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID NOTES; AGREEING TO ISSUE BONDS TO PAY THE NOTES AT MATURITY OR TO PAY THE NOTES FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS; ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY WITH THE HOLDERS OF SAID NOTES; AND ORDERING THIS ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET OR ELECTRONIC FORM.

Ordinance No. 2025-3099 has been introduced, read by title, and I move that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. This motion, made by Muehlenkamp and seconded by Calvin, passed.

Taylor: YEA, Calvin: YEA, Weedon: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA

YEA: 5, NAY: 0

I move for final passage of Ordinance No. 2025-3099. This motion, made by Muehlenkamp and seconded by Rambali, passed.

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

YEA: 5, NAY: 0

Mayor Taylor stated for the record that Ordinance No. 2025-3099 is declared lawfully passed and adopted upon publication as required by law.

4.B. Update regarding the sports complex project.

City Manager Schneider gave an update of the sports complex project. Work continues with Mammoth Construction and Miller & Associates on the design of the complex, creation of the Walters Addition, and for needed infrastructure; the City's procurement policy is being reviewed related to the RCRP grant award and possible use the cooperative purchasing option with Mammoth Construction for constructing of the complex; if cooperative purchasing is allowable, dirt work can begin after completion of the plat; Tera and Jessica continue to work on available grants for the project; and that the City has been informed by Mid-Plains Community College that they are not going to move forward with participation in the complex project.

4.C. Discussion regarding potential revenue options for the City of McCook.

Discussion was held regarding potential revenue options - increasing the hotel occupation tax, adding an occupation tax on cell phones and increasing the land line occupation tax to be equal to that established for cell phones.

4.D. Consider Ordinance No. 2025-3100 amending the City of McCook Code of Ordinances Chapter 34, entitled "Purchasing Regulations", Subchapter "Purchasing Procedure" in Title III, "Administration", by amending the purchasing limit to \$50,000 to harmonize with state law.

Mayor Taylor introduced Ordinance No. 2025-3100 and asked the Clerk to read it by title. The Clerk read the title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA AMENDING THE CITY OF MCCOOK CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 34, ENTITLED "PURCHASING REGULATIONS", SUBCHAPTER "PURCHASING PROCEDURE", IN TITLE III, "ADMINISTRATION", BY AMENDING THE PURCHASING LIMIT TO \$50,000 TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; 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. 2025-3100 has been introduced, read by title, and I move to approve upon its first of

three readings. This motion, made by Weedon and seconded by Muehlenkamp, passed.
Taylor: YEA, Calvin: YEA, Weedon: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA
YEA: 5, NAY: 0

- 4.E. 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.

Ordinance No. 2025-3096 has been read by title and I move to approve upon its second of three readings. This motion, made by Calvin and seconded by Muehlenkamp, passed.
Taylor: YEA, Calvin: YEA, Weedon: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA
YEA: 5, NAY: 0

- 4.F. 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 read by title and I move to approve upon its second of three readings. This motion, made by Muehlenkamp and seconded by Weedon, passed.
Taylor: YEA, Calvin: YEA, Weedon: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA
YEA: 5, NAY: 0

- 4.G. 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 read by title and I move to approve upon its second of three readings. This motion, made by Taylor and seconded by Calvin, passed.

Taylor: YEA, Calvin: YEA, Weedon: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA

YEA: 5, NAY: 0

4.H. 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 7:05 P.M.

Linda Taylor, Ex-officio Mayor
and Council President

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk-Treasurer