

McCook City Council
June 2, 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 Linda Taylor, Councilmembers Jerry Calvin, Gene Weedon, Jared Muehlenkamp.

Absent: Councilmember Darcy Rambali.

Motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Calvin. This motion, made by Weedon and seconded by Rambali, passed.

Calvin: ABSENT, Taylor: YEA, Weedon: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA
YEA: 4, NAY: 0, ABSENT: 1

City Officials present: City Manager Nate Schneider, City Attorney Nate Mustion, City Clerk Lea Ann Doak, Assistant City Manager Tera Koetter, Utilities Director Pat Fawver, Fire Chief Marc Harpham, Police Chief Kevin Hodgson, Public Works Director Kyle Potthoff, and Senior Services Director Beth Siegfried.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on May 29, 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 Councilmember Weedon. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

1. Announcements & Recognitions.

David Blau, Miller & Associates, and a representative from Van Kirk Brothers Constructing gave an update on the West 5th Street Water Distribution improvements project. The project was originally scheduled to be completed by June 16, it now appears the project will take an additional one to two weeks. They will present an update and hopefully a planned completion date at the June 16, 2025 council meeting.

City Manager Schneider informed the Council that a Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for this coming Monday, June 9, for consider of a TIF redevelopment project request and continued

discussion of the proposed updates to the zoning ordinance. Mr. Schneider also thanked city staff for their extra efforts for a successful opening of the swimming pool.

2. Consent Agenda.

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

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

Calvin: ABSENT, Taylor: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA
YEA: 4, NAY: 0, ABSENT: 1

- 2.A. Approve the minutes of the May 19, 2025 regular City Council meeting.
- 2.B. Approve the McCook Area Chamber of Commerce Heritage Days request for the use of Norris Park for the Arts & Crafts Show, including the bandshell and electricity, on September 20, 2025; for the closing of the north-bound lane of Norris Avenue from "G" Street to "H" Street and the 100 block of East "G" Street beginning at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, September 19, 2025 until Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 8:00 P.M., the 700 and 800 blocks of East 1st, the 100 and 200 blocks of East "H" Street from 5:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on September 20, 2025, the 100 block of West "G" street from 5:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 20, 2025 until after the parade; to close Norris Avenue from East "D" Street to East "E" Street on September 20, 2025 between 3:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M. for Oktober festivities; to allow overnight parking for vendors around Norris Park; to conduct their parade on public streets on September 20, 2025; and to allow the use of the McCook City Library parking lot for additional parking.
- 2.C. Approve the McCook Area Chamber of Commerce request to close Norris Avenue between "B" Street and "D" Street; to close West "C" Street between Norris Avenue and West 1st Street; to close East "C" Street between Norris Avenue and East 1st Street on July 17, 2025 from 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. for the Third Thursday Family Fun on the Bricks event.
- 2.D. Authorize and approve the submission of a Robert Daugherty Foundation grant.
- 2.E. Approve FAA Contract No: 697DCM-25-L-00122 an On-Airport Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Federal Aviation Administration at McCook Ben Nelson Regional airport and authorize the Mayor to sign.
- 2.F. Award the contract for the construction of a new Self Service Jet A and 100LL Fuel facility to Hackel Construction of Ord, Nebraska in the base bid amount of \$1,234,668.56, that being the lowest best bid, this award being subject to the approval and grant offer from the FAA.
- 2.H. Ratify the Mayor's appointments to the Health Board - reappoint Nate Schneider, Kevin Hodgson, Linda Taylor, Dr. Jason Blomstedt, and Mary Beth Eisenmenger - terms expired

June 2026 and to the Planning Commission - appoint Bobby Gaulke to replace Mark Currier as alternate - term expires March 2027.

- 2.I. Approve the application of the McCook Rotary Club for the temporary closure of City streets for the celebration of National Night Out around Norris Park, including the northbound lane of the 700 block Norris Avenue, the 700 block of East 1st Street; the 100 block of East "H" Street and the 100 block of East "G" Street from 6:00 P.M. till 8:00 P.M. on August 5, 2025.

3. **Regular Agenda.**

- 2.G. Approve the request from Tricia Wagner to block parking stalls on the east side of West 1st Street just north of West "C" Street from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 28, 2025 for photo opportunities of the car show entries of the 9th Annual Cruisin' the Bricks Cruise Night and Car Show.

Motion to approve the request from Tricia Wagner to block parking stalls on the east side of West 1st Street just north of West "C" Street from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 28, 2025 for photo opportunities of the car show entries of the 9th Annual Cruisin' the Bricks Cruise Night and Car Show. This motion, made by Weedin and seconded by Rambali, passed.
Calvin: ABSENT, Taylor: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA
YEA: 4, NAY: 0, ABSENT: 1

Tricia and Ashley Wagner were present to address the request. Councilmember Weedin thanked them for bringing this event to the community of McCook.

- 3.A. Approve the request from Ronda Graff, the Local Tour De Nebraska Committee, along with the Tour De Nebraska Staff to use Kelley Park and to suspend the park curfew to allow for camping beginning on Friday, June 27, 2025 through Sunday, June 29, 2025.

Ronda Graff was present to address this request.

Motion to approve the request from Ronda Graff, the Local Tour De Nebraska Committee, along with the Tour De Nebraska Staff to use Kelley Park and to suspend the park curfew to allow for camping beginning on Friday, June 27, 2025 through Sunday, June 29, 2025. This motion, made by Muehlenkamp and seconded by Rambali, passed.
Calvin: ABSENT, Taylor: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA
YEA: 4, NAY: 0, ABSENT: 1

- 3.B. Receive and put on file a renewed request from the McCook Chamber of Commerce for ACE funds to assist with the City of McCook's event promotions.

Chamber Director Sarah Schneider gave an update of ACE funds expended for the current fiscal year and renewed their request for \$6,000 in ACE funds for FY25/25.

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

City Manager Schneider gave an update of the sports complex project. Staff continues to work on grant applications, plans to sell the bond notes the first week of August for the horizontal build of the complex, and held meetings with Mammoth Construction and Miller and Associates regarding design of the complex and infrastructure.

3.D. Update regarding the McCook Ben Nelson Regional Airport.

City Manager Schneider and Public Works Director Potthoff gave an update on the operations at the McCook Ben Nelson Regional Airport.

3.E. Discussion regarding a potential ordinance establishing an occupation tax for mobile phones and amending the current occupation tax on all other telephone services to achieve occupation tax uniformity between land line and mobile phone services.

Discussion was held regarding a potential ordinance to establish an occupation tax for mobile phones and amending the current occupation tax on all other telephone services. It was the consensus of the council to have an ordinance prepared for their consideration at a future meeting.

3.F. Consider Ordinance No. 2025-3103 amending the City of McCook Code of Ordinances Chapter 90, entitled "Animals" in Title IV, "General Regulations", amending Section 90.01 - Running at Large Prohibited, and Section 90.99 - Penalty.

Mayor Taylor introduced Ordinance No. 2025-3103 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 90, ENTITLED "ANIMALS", IN TITLE IX - "GENERAL REGULATIONS", SECTION 90.01 - RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED TO UPDATE THE PENALTY REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 90.99 OF THE MCCOOK MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION 90.01; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

Ordinance No. 2025-3103 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 Weedin, passed.

Calvin: ABSENT, Taylor: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA
YEA: 4, NAY: 0, ABSENT: 1

Motion for final passage of Ordinance No. 2025-3103. This motion, made by Weedin and seconded by Muehlenkamp, passed.

Calvin: ABSENT, Taylor: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA
YEA: 4, NAY: 0, ABSENT: 1

Mayor Taylor stated for the record that Ordinance No. 2025-3103 is declared lawfully passed and

adopted upon publication as required by law.

3.G. 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 6:30 P.M.

Linda Taylor, Ex-officio Mayor
and Council President

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk-Treasurer