

McCook City Council
July 7, 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, Darcy Rambali.

Absent: None.

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 July 3, 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 Kelley, 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.

City Manager Schneider informed the Council that a special meeting to conduct hearings on a couple of WCNDD nuisance determinations is scheduled for July 8 at noon, the Sports Complex Committee for July 9 at noon, the Planning Commission for July 14 at 5:15 P.M., and read an email from the McCook Chamber of Commerce thanking City of McCook employees for all they did to help make the Bash on the Hill event so successful.

2. Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the 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

- 2.A. Approve the minutes of the June 16, 2025 regular City Council meeting.
- 2.B. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Declaration of Covenant as a condition of the receipt of State and Federal funds under the Rural Community Recovery Program (RCRP).
- 2.C. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign two Modification of Declaration of Covenants in regard to property located at Kelley Park and Barnett Park as a condition of the receipt of State and Federal funds under the Rural Community Recovery Program (RCRP).
- 2.D. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract between the City of McCook and Red Willow County for dispatching services.
- 2.E. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-15 approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign the FY2026/2027 5311 Program Agreement between the City of McCook and Nebraska Department of Transportation.
- 2.F. Approve the request from Stacey Aguilar on behalf of the Planning Committee for the community wide full scale drill to close West "Q" Street from the west side of West 10th Street to the east side of West Fairacres on August 5, 2025 beginning at 2:00 P.M. and ending before dark.

3. Regular Agenda.

- 3.A. Approve a First Addendum to Lease between the City of McCook and Southwest Nebraska Family Resource Center for additional portions of the old public safety center located at 526 West "B" Street.

Kaye T. Bieck, Family Resource Center Director, was present to address questions from the Council.

Motion to approve a First Addendum to Lease between the City of McCook and Southwest Nebraska Family Resource Center for additional portions of the old public safety center located at 526 West "B" Street. This motion, made by Muehlenkamp and seconded by Rambali, passed.

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

- 3.B. Ratify the quotes executed between city staff and Outdoor Recreation Products for the installation and construction of a new inclusive playground at Kelley Park and new playground at Barnett Park.

Motion to ratify the quotes executed between city staff and Outdoor Recreation Products for the installation and construction of a new inclusive playground at Kelley Park and new playground at Barnett Park. This motion, made by Muehlenkamp and seconded by Taylor, passed.

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

- 3.C. Discuss options for water and wastewater bill adjustments, and direct staff on developing a policy in regard to bill adjustments.

Council discussed options for handling water and wastewater bill adjustments and requested staff to develop a formal policy to address these situations to be brought back to the Council for consideration.

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

City Manager Schneider gave an update on the sports complex project; Moody's assigned a MiG one rating to the City of McCook's Municipal Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes; staff continues to work on various grant applications; received notice back from the Power Review Board that the recently annexed Walters Subdivision has been added to the Nebraska Public Power District; and bi-weekly meetings have been held with Mammoth Construction.

- 3.E. Council Comments.

Council comments included a thank you from Ronda Graff regarding all of the assistance City of McCook employees provided with the Tour D' Nebraska Bike Ride recent stay in McCook and noted that the Freedom Festival and Annual Fire Cracker Tournament were a huge success and brought a lot of visitors to McCook.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:08 P.M.

Linda Taylor, Ex-officio Mayor
and Council President

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk-Treasurer