

McCook City Council  
August 11, 2025  
5:30 P.M.

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

Present: Mayor Linda Taylor, Councilmembers Jerry Calvin, Gene Weedin, Jared Muehlenkamp, Darcy Rambali.

Absent: City Manager Schneider, City Attorney Mustion.

City Officials present: City Clerk Lea Ann Doak, Assistant City Manager Tera Koetter, Water Superintendent Nathaniel Chitwood, Library Director Jody Crocker, Utilities Director Pat Fawver, Fire Chief Marc Harpham, Police Chief Kevin Hodgson, Public Works Director Kyle Potthoff, Senior Services Director Beth Siegfried, and Wastewater Superintendent John White.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on August 8, 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 and called the meeting to order.

## **1. Budget Workshop.**

1.A. Presentation from the McCook Humane Society with respect to increasing the contract amount the City of McCook pays for animal services.

Joyce Peterson, Treasurer of the McCook Humane Society and Bruce McDowell reviewed their request for a 10% increase in the amount that they receive from the City for animal services in FY24/25 and gave an update of the services they provide, the increase in numbers of strays and dogs costs.

1.B. Review of the Proposed FY2025/2026 Annual Budget.

Proposed budget documents were presented at the meeting.

Department Heads and members of their staff reviewed their budget request with the Council and gave an update of needed capital.

**Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 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