

McCook City Council  
September 2, 2025  
5:30 P.M.  
Budget Hearing

THE BUDGET HEARING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA was held the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Notice of the budget hearing was published in McCook Gazette on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

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, Library Director Crocker, Utilities Director Fawver, Fire Chief Harpham, Police Chief Hodgson, Public Works Director Potthoff, and Senior Services Director Siegfried.

Others present: Anna LaBay, reporter; Mike Odell, McCook Gazette reporter; Jason Hilker, Shane Hilker, Carma Earl, Shari Putz, Fred and Pam Shepherd, Molly Smith, Dale Dueland, Autumn Miller, Sarah Schneider, and Brian Calvin.

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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 Weedin. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

## **1. Public Hearings.**

### **1.A. Public Hearing - FY 2025/2026 Annual Budget.**

At 5:33 P.M., motion to recess as a City Council and convene a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed FY 2025/2026 Annual Budget with the City Attorney to act as hearing officer. This motion, made by Weedin and seconded by Muehlenkamp, passed.

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

YEA: 5, NAY: 0, ABSENT: 0

The City Attorney offered and received into evidence Exhibit #1 - the City Manager's Report dated September 2, 2025 meeting (1 page); Exhibit #2 - Notice of Hearing published (1 page); and Exhibit #3 - Transmittal Letter dated September 3, 2024 (5 pages). Three copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public.

City Manager Schneider read the Budget Transmittal Letter, outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget.

The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed budget statement.

Public comment was received from Jason Hilker. No other members of the public present commented.

With no one present to comment, motion to close the budget hearing. This motion, made by Muehlenkamp and seconded by Rambali, passed.

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

The budget hearing was closed at 5:55 P.M.

**Adjournment.**

There being no further business, motion to adjourn the budget hearing. This motion, made by Calvin and seconded by Muehlenkamp, passed.

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

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Linda Taylor, Ex-officio Mayor  
and Council President

ATTEST:

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Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk-Treasurer