

McCook City Council
October 6, 2025
5:30 P.M.

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 Gene Weedin, Darcy Rambali.

Absent: Councilmembers Jerry Calvin and Jared Muehlenkamp.

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

Taylor: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Rambali: YEA
YEA: 3, NAY: 0

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 Sergeant Nick Vargus; 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 October 2, 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. The invocation was provided by Jamie Mockry. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

Mayor Taylor announced that individuals who have appropriate items for City Council consideration should complete the "Topic for Consideration for City Council Agenda" form located at the information table by the entrance to the Council Chambers. If the issue can be handled administratively without Council action, notification will be provided. If the item is scheduled for a meeting, notification of the date will be given.

Items.

1. Announcements & Recognitions.

City Manager Schneider informed the council that a Planning Commission meeting has been

scheduled for October 13, 2025 at 5:15 P.M.

2. Presentations.

2.A. PFM Financial Advisors presentation and outline of the City of McCook's current rate schedule for background information preparing for a modified rate schedule in the future.

Matt Stoffel with PFM Financial Advisors gave a presentation regarding the city's current rate structure and provided information in preparation of a future modification to the rate schedule

3. Proclamations.

3.A. Approve the proclamation designating October 5 through 11, 2025 as "Fire Prevention Week" and authorize the Mayor sign.

Motion to approve the proclamation designating October 5 through 11, 2025 as "Fire Prevention Week" and authorize the Mayor sign. This motion, made by Weedin and seconded by Rambali, passed.

Calvin: ABSENT, Muehlenkamp: ABSENT, Taylor: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Rambali: YEA
YEA: 3, NAY: 0, ABSENT: 2

Fire Chief Harpham presented the proclamation and recognized Firefighter James Slaten for all he does in preparation for fire week.

4. Consent Agenda.

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

Calvin: ABSENT, Muehlenkamp: ABSENT, Taylor: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Rambali: YEA
YEA: 3, NAY: 0, ABSENT: 2

4.A. Approve the minutes of the September 15, 2025 regular City Council meeting and the September 29, 2025 special City Council meeting.

4.B. Declare the listed abandoned and unclaimed vehicles and property as surplus city property to be disposed of in the appropriate legal manner.

4.C. Adopt the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for McCook Ben Nelson Regional Airport for FAA Fiscal Years 2025, 2026, and 2027 and authorize the Mayor to sign.

4.D. Approve the application for a Special Designated Liquor License (SDL) submitted by Danbury Rec, LLC, Liquor License #C-125089 for the McCook Community Hospital Christmas party to be held at the City Auditorium, 302 West 5th Street, on December 5, 2025 from 1700 to 2359.

- 4.E. Forward to the City's insurance carrier for review and appropriate action a property damage claim from Skolout LLC, Michael Skolout.
- 4.F. Receive and file the claims for the month of August 2025 and published September 16, 2025.
- 4.G. Ratify the Mayor's appointments to the: Building and Housing Code Advisory and Appeals Board - reappoint Andrew Hedke - term expires September 2029; the Library Advisory Board - appoint Alison Marts - term expires June 2029; the Parks Advisory Board - reappoint Jeremy Labrie - term expires May 2028; the Planning Commission - appoint Kelly Hammerlun - term expires September 2028; and the Senior Citizens Advisory Board - appoint Jan Breese and Tom Stewart - terms expire September 2028.
- 4.H. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-32 setting the property tax request for FY 2025/2026.
- 4.I. Approve bid specifications for a mobile in-car video camera system, including body-worn cameras, and set the date to receive bids as October 27, 2025 at 2:00 P.M.
- 4.J. Approve bid specifications for (1) one new current model year full size half ton crew cab 4-wheel drive SSV or PPV truck for use by the McCook Police Department and set the date to receive bids as November 4, 2025 at 2:00 P.M.

5. Regular Agenda.

- 5.A. Update regarding the youth sports complex project.

City Manager Schneider gave an update regarding the youth sports complex - things have started to move quickly, work has begun on fencing, foundations, the 4-plex, particularly the northeast and southeast fields and staff continues to work with Jessica Bortner on grants.

- 5.B. Ordinance No. 2025-3109 providing for the amendment of Chapter 38: Appendix F, Solid Waste Collection Fees.

Mayor Taylor asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2025-3109 by title.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF APPENDIX F, SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEES, OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A RATE TO BE CHARGED FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-3087 AND ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

Ordinance No. 2025-3109 has been read by title and I move to approve upon its second of three readings. This motion, made by Rambali and seconded by Weedin, passed.

Calvin: ABSENT, Muehlenkamp: ABSENT, Taylor: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Rambali: YEA
YEA: 3, NAY: 0, ABSENT: 2

5.C. 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 6:04 P.M.

Linda Taylor, Ex-officio Mayor
and Council President

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk-Treasurer