

McCook City Council
December 1, 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, Jared Muehlenkamp, Darcy Rambali.

Absent: Councilmember Jerry Calvin.

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

Taylor: YEA, Weedin: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA, Rambali: YEA
YEA: 4, NAY: 0

City Officials present: City Manager Nate Schneider, City Attorney Nate Mustion, City Clerk Lea Ann Doak, Utilities Director Pat Fawver, and Senior Services Director Beth Siegfried.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on November 25, 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.

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.

1. Announcements & Recognitions.

Utilities Director Fawver gave an update of recent repairs on the deep injection well. The project involved seven contractors in multiple states, and the estimated seven - eight days for completion, turned into fourteen days. Mr. Fawver introduced and thanked Water-Treatment Operator Michael Stark who oversaw the project on site.

City Manager Schneider informed the Council of a Planning Commission meeting scheduled for December 8, 2025 at 5:15 P.M.; the MEDC, Chamber of Commerce, and City of McCook Mixer will be held on December 2, 2025 at the Keystone, beginning at 5:30 P.M.; a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on December 6, 2025 at noon for the inclusive playground at Kelley Park; the Noel on Norris events begin at 3:00 P.M. in Norris Park on December 6, 2025 with the Christmas Light parade starting at 6:00 P.M.; and tours of the new youth sports complex are scheduled for December 9, 2025 beginning at 4:30 P.M.

Mayor announced that she received a thank-you from the “Share the Heat” board for the contribution of Community Betterment Funds to offset the cost of rental fees for their use of the Heritage Senior Center.

2. Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the 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 November 17, 2025 regular City Council meeting.
- 2.B. Accept the minutes of the Library Advisory Board dated March 13, 2025 and September 10, 2025 and the Housing Agency Board of Commissioners dated July 23, 2025, July 30, 2025, August 27, 2025, September 24, 2025 and October 22, 2025.
- 2.C. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a grant acceptance form for a grant awarded to the City of McCook by the McCook Community Foundation fund in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the PFC Gerald L. Walters Youth Sports Complex.
- 2.D. Approve the automatic renewal of all current retail liquor licenses in the City of McCook for the year 2026 and instruct the City Clerk to publish individual notice of the right of automatic renewal of each license.
- 2.E. Approve Resolution No. 2025-38 approving the rescinding of a portion of Resolution No. 2025-11 which previously declared certain properties a nuisance and which now have been abated and cleared of the nuisance as deemed by West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) and as declared in the Resolution.

3. Regular Agenda.

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

City Manager Schneider gave an update on the youth sports complex project. Bond Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$5,500,000 are scheduled to be sold on December 9, with closing on December 18, 2025.

3.B. Presentation regarding proposed ACE fund policy.

City Manager Schneider reviewed the proposed policy and Councilmember Weedin gave an update of what ACE is and what the funds have been used for.

It was the consensus of the Council to have the policy brought to the December 15, 2025 meeting for the consideration.

3.C. Presentation by staff of a proposed City of McCook donation policy.

City Manager Schneider reviewed the proposed policy .

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3.D. Council Comments.

Mayor Taylor welcomed the High School students attending the meeting.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

Linda Taylor, Ex-officio Mayor
and Council President

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk-Treasurer