

MCCOOK CITY COUNCIL
January 16, 2017
6:30 P.M.

A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA convened in open, regular, and public session at 6:30 o'clock P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Gonzales, Councilmembers Calvin, McDowell, Weedin.

Absent: Councilmember Hepp.

City Officials present: City Manager Schneider, City Attorney Mustion, City Clerk Doak, Police Chief Brown, Utilities Director Dutcher, Fire Chief Harpham, and Public Works Director Potthoff.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on January 12, 2017, 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 Acknowledgment 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 Gonzales 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 Father Gary Brethour, pastor of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, Mayor Gonzales called the meeting to order.

1. Citizen's Comments.

No one was present for citizen's comments.

2. Announcements & Recognitions.

There were no announcements or recognitions.

3. Consent Agenda.

A. Approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 regular City Council meeting.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Weedin, seconded by Councilmember McDowell, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 regular City Council meeting. The yeas and nays were called and the vote was as follows: YEA: Gonzales, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None. Absent: Hepp. Motion approved.

B. Receive and file the claims for the month of December 2016 as published January 10, 2017.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Weedin, seconded by Councilmember McDowell, the Council voted to receive and file the claims for the month of December 2016 as published January 10, 2017. The yeas and nays were called and the vote was as follows: YEA: Gonzales, Calvin, McDowell,

Weedin. NAY: None. Absent: Hepp. Motion approved.

- C. Approve the application for a Special Designated Liquor License submitted by the McCook Chamber of Commerce for their annual banquet to be held at the McCook Municipal Auditorium, 302 West 5th Street, on February 18, 2017 from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Weedin, seconded by Councilmember McDowell, the Council voted to approve the application for a Special Designated Liquor License submitted by the McCook Chamber of Commerce for their annual banquet to be held at the McCook Municipal Auditorium, 302 West 5th Street, on February 18, 2017 from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. The yeas and nays were called and the vote was as follows: YEA: Gonzales, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None. Absent: Hepp. Motion approved.

- D. Approve the application for a Special Designated Liquor License submitted by the McCook Chamber of Commerce for a Founders' Ball to be held at the McCook Municipal Auditorium, 302 West 5th Street, on March 18, 2017 from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Weedin, seconded by Councilmember McDowell, the Council voted to approve the application for a Special Designated Liquor License submitted by the McCook Chamber of Commerce for a Founders' Ball to be held at the McCook Municipal Auditorium, 302 West 5th Street, on March 18, 2017 from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. The yeas and nays were called and the vote was as follows: YEA: Gonzales, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None. Absent: Hepp. Motion approved.

- E. Authorize Cornerstone Electric to occupy city right-of-way for the installation of an underground electrical line beginning on the south side of West "Q" Street, crossing under West "Q" Street heading north along the east side of West 9th Street approximately 460 feet and authorize the Mayor to sign the Application to Occupy Right-of-Way.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Weedin, seconded by Councilmember McDowell, the Council voted to authorize Cornerstone Electric to occupy city right-of-way for the installation of an underground electrical line beginning on the south side of West "Q" Street, crossing under West "Q" Street heading north along the east side of West 9th Street approximately 460 feet and authorize the Mayor to sign the Application to Occupy Right-of-Way. The yeas and nays were called and the vote was as follows: YEA: Gonzales, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None. Absent: Hepp. Motion approved.

- F. Receive and file the Financial Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2016.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Weedin, seconded by Councilmember McDowell, the Council voted to receive and file the Financial Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2016. The yeas and nays were called and the vote was as follows: YEA: Gonzales, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None. Absent: Hepp. Motion approved.

- G. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Compliance for the 2016 Maintenance Agreement between the City of McCook and the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Weedin, seconded by Councilmember McDowell, the Council voted to authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Compliance for the 2016 Maintenance Agreement between the City of McCook and the Nebraska Department of Roads. The yeas and nays

were called and the vote was as follows: YEA: Gonzales, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None. Absent: Hepp. Motion approved.

- H. Approve the renewal of Maintenance Agreement No. 17 between the Nebraska Department of Roads and the Municipality of McCook and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Weedin, seconded by Councilmember McDowell, the Council voted to approve the renewal of Maintenance Agreement No. 17 between the Nebraska Department of Roads and the Municipality of McCook and authorize the Mayor to sign. The yeas and nays were called and the vote was as follows: YEA: Gonzales, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None. Absent: Hepp. Motion approved.

- I. Authorize the McElhinny Builders to occupy city right-of-way for the installation of a sanitary sewer main along the east side of West 9th Street between West “Q” Street and West “R” Street and a water main along the west side of West 9th Street between West “Q” Street and West “R” Street and authorize the Mayor to sign the Application to Occupy Right-of-Way.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Weedin, seconded by Councilmember McDowell, the Council voted to authorize the McElhinny Builders to occupy city right-of-way for the installation of a sanitary sewer main along the east side of West 9th Street between West “Q” Street and West “R” Street and a water main along the west side of West 9th Street between West “Q” Street and West “R” Street and authorize the Mayor to sign the Application to Occupy Right-of-Way. The yeas and nays were called and the vote was as follows: YEA: Gonzales, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None. Absent: Hepp. Motion approved.

- J. Execute an amendment to the lease agreement with the Meyers Brothers, modifying the Lessee to Jeremy Meyers, contingent upon the execution of assignments from Jason and Derek Meyers.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Weedin, seconded by Councilmember McDowell, the Council voted to execute an amendment to the lease agreement with the Meyers Brothers, modifying the Lessee to Jeremy Meyers, contingent upon the execution of assignments from Jason and Derek Meyers. The yeas and nays were called and the vote was as follows: YEA: Gonzales, Calvin, McDowell, Weedin. NAY: None. Absent: Hepp. Motion approved.

4. Regular Agenda.

- A. Receive and accept a grant of \$1,500 from the McCook Community Foundation Fund for the light project at the McCook Skatepark.

The McCook Community Foundation has generously funded \$1,500 towards the skatepark lighting project. The goal is to provide lighting at the skatepark to allow its users the opportunity to skate/bike after dark. Al Gunther and Kirk Dixon have spearheaded the lighting effort. Mr. Dixon noted that they are close to their goal of \$10,000, the estimate cost of the project.

- B. Receive and file a report from Renee Bauer and Mark Wentz of Prairie Gold Homes.

This agenda item will be rescheduled due to travel related concerns of the Prairie Gold Homes representatives.

C. Receive and file an update regarding sales tax revenue receipts and projections.

City Manager Schneider presented an update on sales tax receipts and projections. For the beginning months of fiscal year 2016/2017, sales tax receipts are down and the amount of taxable sales are down 4.63% from last year. On a positive note, the most recent numbers indicate a much smaller negative variation from the prior year.

D. Council Comments.

Council comments including thanking the Public Works Department for the excellent job of keeping the streets clean during this past ice and snow storm; thanking the public for staying off of the streets, which helps make the City's job easier and safer; and noting that Governor Ricketts State of the State Address will be held at the McCook Ben Nelson Regional Airport this coming Wednesday at 8:00 A.M.

▪ **Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gonzales declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Michael D. Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk-Treasurer