

# MCCOOK CITY COUNCIL

## REGULAR MEETING

**Monday, March 2, 2026**  
**5:30 PM - City Council Chambers**

Roll Call.

Excuse Absences.

Open Meetings Act Announcement.

Invocation - McCook Ministerial Association - Barry Johnson, Assembly of God Church.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order.

Items.

1. Announcements & Recognitions.
2. Presentations.
  - A. Presentation from Miller and Associates on details outlining the EPA's mandated Lead service line inventory and replacement as well as funding options.
3. Proclamations.
  - A. Approve the proclamation designating the month of March 2026 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" and authorize the Mayor to sign.
4. Consent Agenda.

*\*The Consent Agenda is approved on one motion. Any item listed on the Consent Agenda may, by the request of any single Council member or public in attendance, be considered as a separate item under the Regular Agenda.*

  - A. Approve the minutes of the February 16, 2026 regular City Council meeting.
  - B. Receive and file the claims for the month of January 2026, published February 24, 2026.
  - C. Recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission the Application for Manager submitted by Knights of Columbus 1126, 308 East 9th Street, which holds License #I-003702, the applicant being Joshua M. Vrbas.
  - D. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-07 providing for the levy of special assessments for costs to abate nuisances, property owned by Donald J. Fout, Jr., located at 1320 East "B" Street, McCook, Nebraska.
5. Regular Agenda.
  - A. Update regarding the youth sports complex project.
  - B. Council Comments.

Adjournment.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**ITEM: 2.A.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Presentation from Miller and Associates on details outlining the EPA's mandated Lead service line inventory and replacement as well as funding options.**

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**BACKGROUND:**

The EPA's rule on lead service line replacements is part of the *Lead and Copper Rule Improvements* (LCRI), a major update to the Lead and Copper Rule under the Safe Drinking Water Act. It requires public water systems to identify and publicly inventory all lead service lines and then replace all lead (and certain galvanized) service lines both private and public within 10 years. The LCRI also lowers the federal lead action level from 15 ppb to 10 ppb, strengthens sampling and corrosion control requirements, and expands public education and reporting obligations. This rule represents the most significant overhaul of federal lead-in-water standards in decades and is designed to eliminate lead piping as a source of contamination nationwide.

Funding for water line replacement is available through the States SRF program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

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**APPROVALS:**

  
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Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Pat Fawver, City Utility Director

Date: 2/25/26

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Nate Schneider, City Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
MARCH 2, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**ITEM:**         3.A.

Approve the proclamation designating the month of March 2026 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" and authorize the Mayor to sign.

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**BACKGROUND:**

This proclamation is being presented at the request of Mike Sciandra, Executive Director of the Nebraska Council on Problem Gambling. Nebraska's Governor and mayors will be proclaiming March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month. The purpose of the proclamation is to provide awareness that problem gambling exists and advocates for problem gamblers and their families to be made aware of the services available to them to help them overcome gambling-related harm. Please refer to the attached letter of request for additional information.

**FISCAL  
IMPACT:**     N/A


**APPROVALS:**

  
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Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk

February 11, 2026

  
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Tera Koetter, Assistant City Manager

February 11, 2026

  
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Nate Schneider, City Manager

February 11, 2026

Office of the Mayor  
McCook, Nebraska

## Proclamation



### "Problem Gambling Awareness Month"

- WHEREAS, the National Council on Problem Gambling and Nebraska Council on Problem Gambling have designated March 2026 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month;
- WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds;
- WHEREAS, problem gambling has a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, businesses and communities;
- WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is effective in minimizing this harm to individuals, communities and society as a whole;
- WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals and organizations have dedicated their efforts to the education of the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment;
- WHEREAS, the National Council on Problem Gambling and Nebraska Council on Problem Gambling invite all residents of McCook to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

THEREFORE, I, Linda Taylor, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2026 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the City of McCook and encourage all citizens to support the National Council on Problem Gambling and Nebraska Council on Problem Gambling in their efforts to mitigate gambling-related harm nationwide.

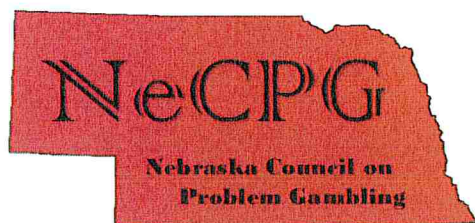
Dated this 2nd day of March, 2026.

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

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Linda Taylor, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk



**DATE:** January 2026

**TO:** Nebraska Mayors and City Managers

**FROM:** Nebraska Council on Problem Gambling  
4435 O Street, Suite 110, Lincoln, NE 68510

**RE:** **2026 Proclamation for March Problem Gambling Awareness Month**

The Governor of Nebraska and the mayors from all over the Nebraska will proclaim March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

A copy of a sample proclamation is provided so that your city can also join in showing support of this awareness effort. The purpose of the proclamation is to provide awareness that problem gambling exists. Your city does not have to be for or against gambling, but instead be an advocate for problem gamblers and their families to be made aware of the services available to them to help them overcome gambling-related harm.

The Nebraska Gamblers Assistance Program (GAP) offers services to gamblers and their families through GAP certified counselors. These treatment professionals offer a precise treatment plan, after-care programs and educational help for the gambler, the family and anyone else affected by his/her gambling. Funds provided through legal gambling operations pay for treatment – no tax dollars are used!

*We appreciate your past and present help in developing statewide problem gambling awareness!*

We have provided a sample proclamation for your organization to use. Please print it on your city's letterhead and include passage of the proclamation on your next city meeting agenda. If you would like someone associated with our program to come to your meeting when the proclamation is presented for approval, please let us know a minimum of 10 days prior to that meeting date. After passage, please mail or email a copy of the signed proclamation to us. We would like to have them in our office by February 27, 2026, so we can mount them on display boards for viewing at the state capitol, and at various problem gambling screening events and presentations throughout the state.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 402-217-1500 with any questions you may have. My e-mail address is betfreemike@gmail.com. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to adding your voice to the concerned communities in Nebraska.

Sincerely,

*Mike Sciandra*

Mike Sciandra  
Executive Director  
Nebraska Council on Problem Gambling  
[www.necpg.org](http://www.necpg.org)



# March is National Problem Gambling Awareness Month

- Casino
- Sports Betting
- Online Betting
- Card Games
- Lottery
- Skill Touch
- Prediction Markets
- Horse Racing
- Bingo
- Scratch Tickets
- Keno
- Gaming
- Day Trading
- Crypto

**It is likely you or someone you know has a gambling problem.**

**But...help is available!**

- Most people in Nebraska who develop a gambling problem start gambling before the age of 20.
- Many young people report their first gambling experience occurring around 9-11 years of age.
- 10-14 percent of adolescents/young adults are at-risk for developing a problem with gambling.
- 4-6 percent of adolescents/young adults presently have a serious problem with gambling.

**The Nebraska Gamblers Assistance Program (GAP) provides FREE confidential counseling with certified problem gambling counselors to Nebraskans struggling with problem gambling and their loved ones.**

A list of all GAP-certified counselors in Nebraska is located at [www.problemgambling.nebraska.gov](http://www.problemgambling.nebraska.gov)

**Nebraska 24/7 Problem Gambling Helpline:**

**1-833-BET-OVER (1-833-238-6837)**

**National 24/7 Problem Gambling Helpline:**

**1-800-522-4700**

## Lea Ann Doak

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**From:** City of McCook  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 8:50 AM  
**To:** Nate Schneider; Lea Ann Doak; Tera Koetter  
**Subject:** FW: March Is Problem Gambling Awareness Month-Proclamation Request  
**Attachments:** PGAM Flyer 2026.pdf; PGAM-Proclamation-Template-2026.docx; 2026 March Problem Gambling Awareness Month Proclamation Letter.docx

Internal (admin@cityofmccook.com)

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**From:** Mike Sciandra <[betfreemike@gmail.com](mailto:betfreemike@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2026 3:21 PM  
**To:** Mike Sciandra <[betfreemike@gmail.com](mailto:betfreemike@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** March Is Problem Gambling Awareness Month-Proclamation Request

To Whom It May Concern Within Your Community:

Thank you in advance for your community's support of problem gambling treatment services in the state of Nebraska.

March is National Problem Gambling Awareness Month. Nebraska is extremely fortunate to have resources such as the Gamblers Assistance Program to provide treatment services to struggling individuals and their loved ones.

Attached is a letter explaining how appreciated the requested proclamations are for informing individuals and organizations statewide on the consequences of problem gambling, and that free resources are available to assist those individuals and their loved ones struggling with problem gambling. Also attached is a sample proclamation that many communities use.

Please remember that this proclamation is not support for or against any form of gambling. It is merely recognition of Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

If you could work in partnership with your community's mayor or city manager to complete this proclamation, and return it to the Lincoln office address (4435 O Street, Suite 110, Lincoln, NE 68510) or via email ([betfreemike@gmail.com](mailto:betfreemike@gmail.com)), that would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance for your assistance in this valuable project. Please contact me at the contact info listed below with any questions.

Have a great week!

Regards, Mike

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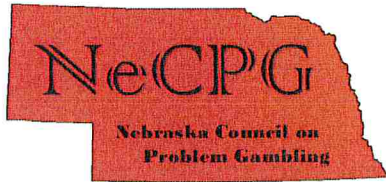
**Mike Sciandra**

*Executive Director*

***Nebraska Council on Problem Gambling***

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**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
MARCH 2, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**ITEM:**        4.A.

Approve the minutes of the February 16, 2026 regular City Council meeting.

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**BACKGROUND:**

Receive and approve the minutes.

**FISCAL  
IMPACT:**     None.

**APPROVALS:**

  
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Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk

February 25, 2026

McCook City Council  
February 16, 2026  
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 Jerry Calvin, Gene Weedin, Jared Muehlenkamp, Darcy Rambali.

Absent: None.

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 Chief Kevin Hodgson, Building Inspector Barry Mooney, 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 February 12, 2026, 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.**

There were no announcements or recognitions.

**2. Public Hearings.**

2.A. Public Hearing - Regarding the adoption of the 2026-2036 Comprehensive Plan for the City of McCook.

Motion to recess as a City Council and convene a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the adoption of the 2026-2036 Comprehensive Plan for the City of McCook, with the City Attorney to act as hearing officer. This motion, made by Muehlenkamp and seconded by Weedin, passed.

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

The City Attorney received into evidence Exhibit #1 - City Manager's Report prepared for the February 16, 2026 City Council meeting (1 page), Exhibit #2 - Notice of Hearing published (1 page); Exhibit #3 - Proposed Resolution No. 2026-05 (1 page); Exhibit #4 - Proposed Comprehensive Plan (150 pages); and Exhibit #5 - minutes of the February 9, 2026 Planning Commission meeting (3 pages).

Craig Bennett and Jason Combs, Miller & Associates, presented the proposed comprehensive plan, the process utilized to gather information for the update, and reviewed the highlights with the Council.

With no one else present to comment, motion to adjourn the public hearing and to reconvene as a City Council. This motion, made by Calvin and seconded by Weedin, passed.

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

2.B. Approve Resolution No. 2026-05 providing for the adoption of the 2026-2036 Comprehensive Plan for the City of McCook.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-05 providing for the adoption of the 2026-2036 Comprehensive Plan for the City of McCook. This motion, made by Weedin and seconded by Taylor, passed.

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

### **3. Consent Agenda.**

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

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

3.A. Approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026 regular City Council meeting.

3.B. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2026-04 certifying that the City of McCook does hereby adopt and bind itself to comply with all the rules and regulations of the Title VI Non-Discrimination plan.

- 3.C. Award the bid for one new refuse transport trailer to be used at the Transfer Station to KNL Holdings, LLC. in the amount of \$106,513.00, that being the lowest responsible bid.
- 3.D. Approve the request for proposals for Fixed Base Operator Services at McCook Ben Nelson Regional Airport and set the deadline to receive them as 4:30 P.M. CDT on April 1, 2026.
- 3.E. Approve the specifications for the North Pointe Phase III Paving and Utilities Project and set the time and date to receive bids as 2:30 P.M. on March 10, 2026.
- 3.F. Accept the minutes of the October 28, 2025 Senior Center Board and the February 9, 2026 Planning Commission meetings.
- 3.G. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-06 authorizing the execution of a loan agreement with First Central Bank to finance the refurbishment of a 1996 E-One Navistar ARFF Vehicle on an International Chassis with a rate of 5.00% and authorize the Mayor to sign the final documents.

**4. Regular Agenda.**

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

City Manager Nate Schneider gave an update of the youth sports complex project, site design and construction, along with infrastructure work are advancing. Construction, has benefitted from favorable weather, with work on the championship softball field beginning earlier than anticipated and turf installation expected this spring.

**4.B. Council Comments.**

Councilmember Weedin stated that the Choice Gas selection period is April 2 - 22, 2026 and he thanked those who select ACE as their provider

- 4.C. An Executive Session may be held upon a majority vote of the Council for the protection of public interest for a strategy session with respect to potential litigation regarding the Jaycee Complex.

Motion to go into executive session for the protection of public interest for a strategy session with respect to potential litigation regarding the Jaycee Complex at 6:04 P.M. This motion, made by Muehlenkamp and seconded by Rambali, passed.

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

Included in the closed session were City Manager Schneider, City Attorney Mustion, Assistant City Manager Koetter, City Clerk Doak, Public Works Director Potthoff, and Public Works employees Tyler Kalinski, Steve Miller, and Kevin Siebrandt.

Mayor Taylor stated for the record that at this time, pursuant to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, a closed session will be held for the purpose of the protection of public interest for a strategy session with respect to potential litigation -regarding the Jaycee Complex. The Council will reconvene in public session following this closed session.

Motion to come out of executive session at 7:02 P.M. This motion, made by Calvin and seconded by Weedin, passed.

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

**Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:03 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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
MARCH 2, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**ITEM:**        4.B.

Receive and file the claims for the month of January 2026, published February 24, 2026.

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**BACKGROUND:**

Claims are presented to the Council and published each month as outlined in the City Code of Ordinances.

Staff is always available to address any questions that the Council may have regarding a specific claim.

**FISCAL  
IMPACT:**     None.

**APPROVALS:**

  
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Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk

February 25, 2026

  
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Tera Koetter, Assistant City Manager

February 25, 2026

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Nathan A. Schneider, City Manager

February 25, 2026

CITY OF MCCOOK  
CLAIMS FOR JANUARY 2026

ABBREVIATIONS FOR LEGALS: PS - PERSONAL SERVICES; S- SUPPLIES; SC - SERVICES & CHARGES; CO - CAPITAL OUTLAY; BT - BUDGET TRANSFERS

ACE-S 1532.00; ACME PRINTING-S 111.00; AKRS-CO 33200.00, S 882.65; ALLEY POYNER-SC 1200.00; AMERICAN AGLAB-SC 2359.53; AMERICAN ELECTRIC-S 888.97; AMERICAN FENCE-S 2412.00; AMERITAS-CLAIMS-SC 5947.50; AMERITAS DENTAL-SC 465.66; AMGL PC-SC 19400.00; ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY-S 99.32; ARROW CAR WASH-S 7.65; AT&T-SC 451.52; AT&T-SC 451.52; AURORA COOP-S 8923.14; AVFUEL CORP-S 21264.62; AXON-SC 895.00; BENCHMARK GOV'T-SC 252.95; BLACK HILLS ENERGY-SC 8124.16, S 976.53; BOMGAARS-S 341.62; BW TELCOM-SC 144.14; C&K-S 600.48; CAMBRIDGE TELEPHONE-SC 234.12; CAROLINA SOFTWARE-S 200.00; CARQUEST-S 3181.75; CASH WA-S 15449.95; CENTURY LINK-SC 968.30; CITY OF MCCOOK-PS 501226.28; CITY SELF INS-BT 200191.50; SALES TAX-BT 55562.47; TRANSFER STATION-S 5691.12; UTILITIES-SC 3815.14; COMMUNITY HOSPITAL-SC 2382.35; CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING-S 1048.74; J CROCKER-SC 134.75; CULLIGAN-S 24.00; CULTIVATE GRANTS AND CONSULTING-S 3081.25, D&S HARDWARE-S 345.63, SC 103.41; DANKO ER EQ-S 1080.00; DAS ACCT-SC 382.00, S 66.00; DEMCO-S 293.55; DIAMOND VOGEL-S 21.04; DONOR BY DESIGN-SC 19500.00; DVORAK LAW-SC 237.00; EAKES-S 977.71, SC 15131.34, CO 6242.36; FASTENAL-S 77.00; FICA-PS 25259.86; FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER-S 9983.27, SC 237.99; FRENCHMAN VALLEY MUTUAL AID-SC 330.00; FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS-SC 34.19; Z FRY-SC 98.00; GALLS-S 59.81; GARDEN GATE PUB-S 45.00; GARRISONS-S 227.00; GOLDEN WEST IND-S 561.49; GREAT PLAINS COMM-SC 3214.00, S175.05; HANCOCK LUMBER-S 11.81; HENNING BROS-SC 59.00; HIGH PLAINS RADIO-SC 31.50; HINKLE TERMITE & PEST-S 532.00; HOMETOWN LEASING-SC 1027.65; HONORBOUND IT-S 300.00; HUFFY'S AIRPORT WINDSOCKS-S 478.70; IDEAL LINEN-S 93.15; IIMC-SC 195.00; INDELCO PLASTICS-CO 4922.98; J BAR J LANDFILL-SC 51128.56; JASPER ENGR & EQ-S 2754.61; K & C GRAIN-S 5344.65; K-C MOTOR & ELEC-SC 1495.36; KIDS REF CO-S 839.74; KOHLER TRAILER-S 2985.00; LONM-UTILITIES-SC 850.00; LIFE-ASSIST-S 921.72; MAQUEEN EQ-S 12190.00, SC 900.00; MALLECK OIL-S 277.90; MAMMOTH-CO 912528.60; MATT PARROTT/STOREY KENWORTHY-S 313.87; MCCOOK CONCRETE-S 427.85; MC GAZETTE-SC 646.09, S 144.00; MC HUMANE SOCIETY-S 5234.63; MPPD-SC 530.18; MPS-SC 355.00; MCNET -SC 109.90; MCKESSON MEDICAL-S 434.97; MEAD-S 31.25; MENARDS-S 424.56; MEDC-LB840 PAYMENTS-SC 53811.57; MEDICARE-PS 7047.81; MICROMARKETING-S 3239.13; MID-STATES ORG CRIME INF-SC 150.00; MIDAMERICA BOOKS-S 137.23; MIDWEST CONNECT-S 602.69, SC

2361.59; MIDWEST LABS-SC 166.50; MILLER & ASSOC.-CO 107380.00; B. MINTLING-S 3240.00; MNB INSURANCE-SC 50.00; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY-CO 3229.65, S 2709.02, SC2853.36; MUTUAL OF OMAHA-SC 310.79; NDEE-SC 80.00; NE DEPT OF REV LOTTERY TAX-SC 4279.00; NE DEPT REV SALES TAX-SC 14537.22,; NE DEPT OF REV MOTOR FULES TAX-SC 3340.00; NE STATE FIRE MARSHALL-SC 200.00; NE SUPREME COURT SC-90.35; NEBRASKA AVIATION COUNCIL-SC 810.00; NEBRASKALAND TIRE-S 2173.17; NICK'S DIST-S 1372.12; NPPD-SC 2728898, S 419.71; NSG-S 2097.18; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS-S 70.08; Z. OLIVER-S 6290.00; ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS-SC 2803.60; ONE CALL-SC 72.74; PARDE ELECTRIC-S 445.44; PETROTEK-CO 1275.00; PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATION-S 310.00; QUADIENT LEASING-SC 600.18; QUILL-S 170.73; RAVENSWOOD ELECTRIC-S 358.11; RWCO TREASURER-CO 285.75, SC 50.00; ROCHESTER MIDLAND CORP-S 606.53; K. ROGERS-SC 98.00; RUGGLES TRAILER-S 38.00; RUTT'S HEATING & AC-S 1744.50; SAMWAY FLOOR COVERING-S 1003.40; SCOTTIES POTTIES-S 125.00; SHELCO CONST-CO 62100.00, S 7866.00; SOUTHWEST FARM & AUTO-S 155.74; T STEWART-S 4560.00; SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT, LLC-S 7462.00; TASTE OF HOME-S 42.98; TERRY FAMILY SURVEYING-CO 500.00; TERRY'S AUTO REPAIR-S 76.16, SC 123.50; TITAN MACHINERY-S 93.35; TK ELEVATOR CORP-S 429.90; TRAVELERS-SC 3642.00; TREVIPAY-WALMART-SC 631.59, S 1201.88; TRI-STATE AUTO GLASS-S 257.13, SC 100.00; UMR-SC 178968.59; US FOODS-S 823.96; UTILITY REFUNDS-S 1082.79; USA BLUEBOOK-S 203.99; VERIZON-SC 2598.76; VOLZ- S 897.13; W DESIGN-SC 9001.58; WAGNER FORD TOYOTA-CO 44463.35, SC 168.50; WEATHERFORD US-CO 67681.93; A WEBER-S 351.50; WCNDD-SC 3249.00; WEX BANK-S 11995.89; WPCI-SC 64.00; ZOLL-S 62.32.

-s-Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk

PUBLISH: FEBRUARY 24, 2026

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
MARCH 2, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**ITEM:** 4.C.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission the Application for Manager submitted by Knights of Columbus 1126, 308 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, which holds License #I-003702, the applicant being Joshua M. Vrbas.

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**BACKGROUND:**

Upon notice from the Liquor Control Commission, this application is being presented to the Council for consideration. The Council may choose not to make a recommendation of approval or denial to the Commission.

**FISCAL  
IMPACT:** None.

**APPROVALS:**

  
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Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk

February 25, 2026

  
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Tera Koetter, Assistant City Manager

February 25, 2026

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Nathan A. Schneider, City Manager

February 25, 2026

McCook Clerks

Lic # I-003702

From: lcc.noreply@nebraska.gov  
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 2:37 PM  
To: McCook Clerks  
Subject: NLCC Review Required

External (lcc.noreply@nebraska.gov)

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Review Type: Local Review

Job Type: Amendment Application  
Job Number: 147275

License Type: Class I Beer, Wine, Spirits On Sale On ly  
Secondary Licenses: N/A

Licensee: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 1126  
Premises Name: Knights of Columbus 1126  
Premises Address: 308 E 9th St Mc Cook, NE 69001-3881  
Premises Type: Converted

CLERKS: For NEW APPLICATION jobs (not amendments) there are two key time frames to keep in mind:

- 1) Publicize one time not less than 7 days not more than 14 days prior to date of hearing.
- 2) You have 45 days to conduct a hearing after the date of receipt of the notice from this Commission (Nebraska Revised Statute 53-134). You may choose NOT to make a recommendation of approval or denial to our Commission.

PER NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTE 53-133, THE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION SHALL SET FOR HEARING ANY APPLICATION WHEREIN:

- 1) There is a recommendation of denial from the local governing body
- 2) A citizens protest; or
- 3) Statutory problems that the Commission discovers.

Thank you,  
Nebraska Liquor Control Commission

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# Nebraska Liquor Control

301 Centennial Mall  
South - 1st Floor PO  
Box 95046 Lincoln  
NE 68508

## Application Copy

File Number: 147275

AMENDMENT TYPE

Manager Change Amendment

APPLICATION DATE RECEIVED

2026-02-05

CURRENT MANAGER NAME

SHERRI L ROTHMEYER

CURRENT MANAGER EMAIL

SHERRIROTHMEYER106Q@GMAIL.COM

NEW MANAGER NAME

Joshua M Vrbas

NEW MANAGER EMAIL

josh\_vrbas@yahoo.com

QUESTIONS

### Class I Beer, Wine, Spirits On Sa

1. Per Nebraska Revised Statute 53-103.18 - Manager, defined: Manager means a person appointed by a corporation or limited liability company to oversee the daily operation of the business licensed in Nebraska. A manager shall meet all the requirements of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act as though he or she were the applicant, including residency.

What is the premises manager's name?

Joshua M Vrbas

2. What is the manager's address?

403 West R McCook, NE 69001

3. What is the manager's phone number?

308-737-9521

4. What is the manager's email address? An email will be sent to them to obtain their personal information.

josh\_vrbas@yahoo.com

5. What county is the manager registered to vote in?

The manager must be a resident of the state of Nebraska. If the manager is not registered to vote they can complete their voter registration here - <https://www.nebraska.gov/apps-sos-voter-registration/>

Red Willow

6. Is the manager married?

Yes

Jessica E Vrbas jessicavrbas@hotmail.com

7. Do you have prior experience or training in selling, serving or managing alcohol sales?

Yes

Helped bartend for the Knights of Columbus

8. Do you qualify under Nebraska Liquor Control Act (53-131.01) and do you intend to supervise, in person, the management of the business?

Yes

9. READ CAREFULLY. ANSWER COMPLETELY AND ACCURATELY

Has the new manager, or their spouse, EVER been convicted of or plead guilty to any charge?

\*The Commission must be notified of any arrests and/or convictions that may occur after the date of this application.

No

#### DOCUMENTS

TYPE	FILE NAME	DESCRIPTION
Privacy Act Statement	Jessica Vrbas Document.pdf	

Privacy Act Statement

Joshua Vrbas  
Document.pdf

Additional Document

Payment Verification.pdf

APPLICANT

Rodney Solko

DECLARATION

I (We) the applicant(s) agree and consent

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the contents of this amendment application and, to the best of my knowledge, believe all statements made in this application are true, correct, and complete.

RESTRICTED: This information not to be released to other than authorized personnel.

LIQUOR APPLICATION REPORT

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

DATE REQUESTED: February 16, 2026

DUE DATE: February 24, 2026

APPLICANT: Knights of Columbus 1126

DBA: Knights of Columbus 1126

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER (HOME):

(BUSINESS):

PROPOSED LICENSE ADDRESS:

TYPE OF LICENSE: Class "I" - License

(Beer, Wine & Distilled Spirits, On Sale)

TYPE OF INVESTIGATION:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase of Business          | <input type="checkbox"/> New and Additional License            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade of Existing License   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of Location                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of Present Business | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal - Long Form           | <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment - addition to licensed area |

TYPE OF BUSINESS:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Motel           | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant/Food Service   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquor/On-Off Sale    | <input type="checkbox"/> Liquor/On-Sale Only       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquor/Off-Sale Only  | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/Bottle Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Grocery Store |  |

TYPE OF OWNERSHIP:  Corporation  Partnership  Individual  
 Limited Liability Company (LLC)

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Investigation Completed by: Det. Gerry Hunter #14

Date: 2/19/26

**PERSONAL HISTORY – SPOUSE:**

42. Spouses Name: **Jessica E. VRBAS**
43. Date of Birth: **March 11, 1979**
44. Sex: **Female**
45. Home Address: **403 West R Street McCook, NE 69001**
46. Citizen of the United States?  Yes ( ) No  
If no, explain:
47. Proper residence has been established? ( ) Yes ( ) No  
If no, explain:
48. Criminal History – Has spouse been arrested and/or pled guilty to any ( ) misdemeanor?  
( ) felony? (If felony, attach detailed description.)
49. Has spouse been cited for and/or been found in violation of the Liquor Laws of the State of Nebraska or other State in which previously licensed?  
( ) Yes  No (If yes, attach detailed description.)
50. Has spouse had a beneficial interest in another liquor license? ( ) Yes  No  
If yes, Name, City, Address, Type of License:
51. Records check made (civil history). ( ) Yes ( ) No (attach records)
52. Investigation made of character/reputation of spouse, report details of investigation:
53. Number of Hours that will be spent by spouse at licensed premises each week? **5-10**
54. Number of Hours that will be spent by spouse working in occupation other than license premises each week? **It all depends on scheduled events for the week.**
55. Spouse will oversee in person the management of the licensed premises?  
 Yes ( ) No **In the absence of the manager**
56. Another person will be responsible for the management of the licensed premises?  
 Yes ( ) No (If yes, attach investigative report for manager.)

**PERSONAL HISTORY – MANAGER:**

57. Manager's Name: **Joshua M. VRBAS**
58. Date of Birth: **May 3, 1978**
59. Sex: **Male**
60. Home Address: **403 West R Street McCook, NE 69001**
61. Citizen of the United States?  Yes ( ) No  
If Naturalized, Certificate Number:  
Place:
62. Proper residence has been established? ( ) Yes ( ) No  
If no, explain:
63. Criminal History – Has manager been arrested and/or pled guilty to any  
( ) misdemeanor? ( ) felony? (If felony, attach detailed description.)
64. Has manager been cited for and/or found in violation of the Liquor Laws of the State of  
Nebraska or other State in which previously licensed?  
( ) Yes (X) No
65. Has manager had a beneficial interest in another liquor license? ( ) Yes (X) No  
If yes, Name, City, Address, Type of License:
66. Records check made (civil history). ( ) Yes ( ) No (attach records)
67. Investigation made of character/reputation of manager, report details of investigation:
68. Number of Hours that will be spent by manager at licensed premises each week: **5-10**
69. Number of Hours that will be spent by manager working in occupation other than  
licensed premises each week: **It all depends on scheduled events for the week.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
MARCH 2, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**ITEM:**        4.D.

Adopt Resolution No. 2026-07 providing for the levy of special assessments for costs to abate nuisances, property owned by Donald J. Fout, Jr., located at 1320 East "B" Street, McCook, Nebraska.

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**BACKGROUND:**

The attached resolution provides for the levy as a special assessment the costs incurred by the City with the abatement of nuisances on property owned by Donald J. Fout, Jr., located at 1320 East "B" Street, McCook, Nebraska, and provides for filing a lien against the property. Notice has been mailed to Mr. Fout and has been published in the newspaper.

**FISCAL  
IMPACT:**        None.

**APPROVALS:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk

February 25, 2026

  
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Tera Koetter, Assistant City Manager

February 25, 2026

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Nathan A. Schneider, City Manager

February 25, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07

FIXING ASSESSMENTS FOR COSTS TO ABATE NUISANCES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. The following lots and parcels of real estate are found to have been specially benefitted in the amount set out for costs to abate nuisances. Pursuant to Section 95.03 of the City of McCook Code of Ordinances, it is hereby ordered that a special tax assessment be levied this date on the tracts of real estate set out below in the amounts set out for the abatement charges:

<u>OWNER OF RECORD</u>	<u>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT AMOUNT</u>
Donald J. Fout, Jr., his heirs and/or anyone claiming an interest in said real estate 1320 East "B" Street McCook NE 69001	Willow Grove Addition Block 8, Lot 4 except 193.43 SF to the Nebraska Department of Roads	\$5,650.00

SECTION 2. That such assessments shall be a lien on the property on which it is levied from the date of levy; becomes due and payable upon the date of levy; and when so paid, the lot, piece or parcel of ground against which it was assessed shall be released from the lien or charge of such levy.

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk of said City of McCook, Red Willow County, Nebraska shall furnish to the County Treasurer of said county a copy of this resolution and to the County Clerk of said county, a certified copy thereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2026.

-s- Linda Taylor, Mayor

ATTEST:

-s- Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk

(SEAL)



505 West C Street · McCook, NE 69001 · PHONE (308) 345-2022 · FAX (308) 345-1461

## NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

### NUISANCE ABATEMENT CHARGES

MAILED BY REGULAR MAIL  
AND CERTIFIED MAIL  
9589 0710 5270 1421 0707 47

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested, that on March 2, 2026, at the hour of 5:30 o'clock P.M., a regular meeting of the City Council will be held in the Council Chambers of said City, in the McCook Municipal Center - 505 West "C" Street, at which meeting the Council will assess the cost of the nuisance abatement on the following parcel of property located within the City of McCook, Red Willow County, Nebraska:

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Willow Grove Addition  
Block 8, Lot 4 except 193.43 SF  
to Nebraska Department of Roads

#### OWNER OF RECORD

Donald J. Fout, Jr., his heirs  
and/or anyone claiming an  
interest in the real estate  
1320 East "B" Street  
McCook NE 69001

That the description of said real estate is made with reference to the plats of the City of McCook as the same appear on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk of Red Willow County, Nebraska.

That at said meeting the City Council of the City of McCook, Nebraska will assess said tax upon the piece of property specifically described hereinbefore. And to that end the said City Council will at such meeting do all things in addition to such as are hereinbefore set forth as required by law.

All persons interested in said assessment may appear at such meeting and make statements or objections with reference to the validity and fairness of such assessment as the premises merit.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

-s- Linda Taylor, Mayor

ATTEST:

-s- Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk

February 5, 20256

**FINAL NOTICE**

Property Owner

Title Holder

Donald J JR Fout

Donald J JR Fout

1320 E B St.

1320 E B St.

McCook, NE 69001

McCook, NE 69001

Property: 1992, Chevy Geo Metro, with VIN # 2C1MR246XN6790551, 1991, Buick Park Ave ) with VIN # 1G4CW53L4M1613040, 1992, Chevy s-10 pickup with VIN # 1GCCS14A0N8119062

Physical Location: 1320 E B St, McCook, NE 69001

Case No: 2025 MCC 55

**FIVE DAY NOTICE**

MAILED BY CERTIFIED MAIL/DOMESTIC RETURN RECEIPT

9589 0710 5270 1201 7009 01

The Nuisance Officer has determined that the last known title holder of the above-listed vehicles is Donald J Jr, Fout. The 30-DAY NOTICE was mailed to the last known title holder by US Certified Mail/Domestic Return Receipt on January 5, 2026.

According to Nebraska State Statutes, the vehicles in question have been determined to be abandoned. If not removed after five (5) days from the date of this notice, the title will transfer to the municipality for the unit to be sold, auctioned, or destroyed.

State Law allows that once a vehicle has been impounded, the owner has thirty (30) days from the date of original notice in order to claim said vehicle. At the thirty (30) day mark, the owner is notified and is given five (5) days in which to claim said vehicle. On February 10, 2026, the vehicle titles will be transferred to the municipality, as the units will be considered abandoned.

Dated this 5th day of February 2026,

Nuisance Officer

cc: City of McCook



**NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT  
NUISANCE ABATEMENT CHARGES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 2, 2026, at 5:30 P.M., a regular meeting of the McCook City Council will be held in the Council Chambers, 505 West "C" Street, at which meeting the Council will assess the cost of the nuisance abatement on a parcel of property located at 1320 East "B" Street, legally described as: Lot Four (4) - except 193.43 Square Feet to the Nebraska Department of Roads), Block Eight (8), Willow Grove Addition to the City of McCook, Red Willow County, Nebraska; owned by Donald J. Fout, Jr, his heirs and/or anyone claiming an interest in said real estate.

All persons interested in said assessment may appear at such meeting and make statements or objections with reference to the validity and fairness of such assessment as the premises merit.

-s- Lea Ann Doak  
City Clerk

Publish: February 19, 2026.

# Red Willow County, NE

## Summary

Parcel Number 001737300  
Property Address 1320 EAST B STREET  
City MCCOOK  
State NE  
Zip 69001  
Legal WILLOW GROVE ADDITION MCCOOK BLK 8, LOT 4 (EXC 193.43 SF TO DEPT OF RDS)  
Acres 0  
Section 0  
Township 3  
Range 29  
Tax District 80  
Neighborhood 2705 - 2705 MCCOOK



## Owners

FOUT/DONALD J (JR)  
1320 E B ST  
MCCOOK, NE 69001-3924

## Sales

Sale Date	Sale Price	Grantee	Seller Name	Book / Page
3/7/2023	\$0	FOUT/DONALD J (JR)	FOUT/DONALD J (SR)	2023 / 00279
1/25/2010	\$0	FOUT/DONALD J (SR)	FOUT/DONALD J (SR)	2010 / 00217
12/4/2007	\$0	FOUT/DONALD J (SR)	FOUT/DONALD JOHN (SR)	2008 / 00009
4/30/2007	\$8,000	FOUT/DONALD JOHN (SR)	NELSON/MARKE	2007 / 00635

## Recent Sales in Area

Sale date range:

From:

To:

Distance:

Units:

**Dwelling/Building**

1928  
 576  
 576  
 576  
 Fair  
 1  
 5  
 100% Frame, Siding, Wood  
 Composition Shingle  
 100% Forced Air Furnace  
 Improvement Description  
 Building Class Code

**Other Improvements**

Description	Extended Description	Year	Dimensions	Units
SWP	Enclosed Porch, Solid Walls	0	10 x 6	60
FLV	Flat Value-Garage	0	0 x 0	500

**Land**

Frontage	Depth1	Depth2	Square Feet	Description
0	0	0	6,807	6,806.57 S.F.

**Valuation**

Assessed Year	2025 (2)	2024	2023	2022
Dwelling/Building	\$18,563.00	\$16,928.00	\$16,928.00	\$15,614.00
Other Improvement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land	\$5,445.00	\$5,445.00	\$5,445.00	\$2,723.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,008.00</b>	<b>\$22,373.00</b>	<b>\$22,373.00</b>	<b>\$18,337.00</b>

**Tax History**

Tax Year	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Value	\$22,373.00	\$22,373.00	\$18,337.00	\$16,366.00	\$16,366.00
Tax	\$375.60	\$393.26	\$340.06	\$315.80	\$314.68
Exemption	\$85.70	\$24.90	\$19.56	\$17.60	\$16.74
Net Tax	\$289.90	\$368.36	\$320.50	\$298.20	\$297.94

**Tax Levy**

Description	Rate
S.D. #17 GENERAL	0.899615
NATURAL RESOURCE	0.02987
MID-PLAINS CAP IMP	0.01999
ED UNIT #15	0.014357
COUNTY	0.257982
HIGH PLAINS HISTORICAL	0.002313
CITY OF MCCOOK GEN	0.44

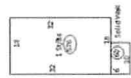
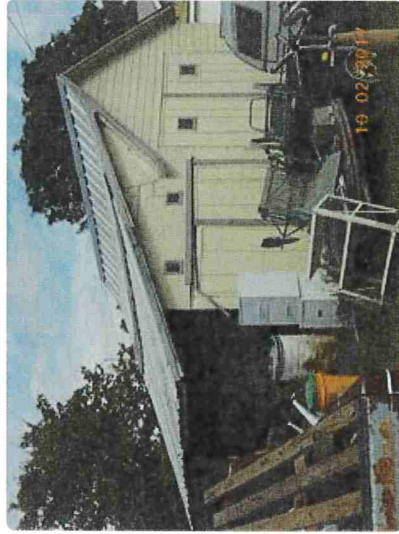
**Photos**



Other Images



Sketches



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 **SCHNEIDER**  
GEO SPATIAL

Fout Property Cleanup December 17, 2025

Equipment	# of hours	Cost per hour	Total
Front End Loader #1	5	\$ 85.00	\$ 425.00
Front End Loader #2	5	\$ 85.00	\$ 425.00
Skid Steer	5	\$ 60.00	\$ 300.00
Pickup and Dump Trailer	5	\$ 45.00	\$ 225.00
Dump Truck	5	\$ 70.00	\$ 350.00
Pickup #1	5	\$ 45.00	\$ 225.00
Pickup #2	5	\$ 45.00	\$ 225.00
Pickup #3	5	\$ 45.00	\$ 225.00

Equipment Grant Total	\$ 2,400.00
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Labor	# of hours	Cost per hour	Total
9 Public Works Employees	45	\$30	\$1,350

Utilities

Equipment

Dump Truck 1 hrs @ \$70/hr = \$70.00  
 Skid Steer 2 hrs @ \$60/hr = \$120.00

Utilities Equipment Total \$190.00

Labor

9 utilities Employees 45 hrs @ \$30/hr = \$1,350.00  
 3 utilities Employees 12 hrs @ \$30/hr = \$360.00

Utilities Labor Total \$1,710.00

Total \$5,650.00

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
MARCH 2, 2026 MCCOOK CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**5.A.** ITEM NO.     Update regarding the youth sports complex project.

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**BACKGROUND:**

Staff would like to keep this item as a place keeper on the McCook City Council agendas while we work through the planning and construction process for the sports complex.

**APPROVALS:**

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Nathan A. Schneider, City Manager

February 25, 2026

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Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk

February 25, 2026