

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 16, 2015** at City Hall with Mayor Brooks presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present: Halvorson, Carroll, Hallberg, and Muehlbauer. Collins was absent.

Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) August 19, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes c) Bills and Claims as presented – Expenditures: City- \$223,858.69, Library - \$657.85, Revenues - \$116,452.20 d) Treasurer’s Report for August, 2015 Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: Betty Gingerich commented on the crosswalks being painted, Richard Palucci asked the council to look at a sign that was put up on the former site of the Holiday Shores.

Police report – Chief Bogdonovich provided an update on the hiring with a full time officer and a reserve selected. They will be sworn in and take training at the same time. Operations report – The majority of the sewer rehab project has been completed, the walk through and punch list completed. The steps at Palucci residence and some concerns at Corson property are being addressed. Prospect and Cross Streets are ready for curb and gutter installation. An additional section of storm sewer pipe is needed at Cross Street. Black top is expected late September to early October. Track/trail work scheduled to begin next week.

Mayor Brooks informed the Council of the resignation of Councilman Joe Collins. He read the email sent explaining his intent to move out of the area and that he would be unable to fulfill his duty to the citizens of the city to the extent they deserve. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Carroll to acknowledge and accept the resignation of Councilman Joe Collins effective on September 16, 2015. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Mayor Brooks extended his thanks for the years of service on the council. Attorney Schuster explained that the vacancy will not be filled by the November 3 election because the available seats had to be certified to the county auditor by August 5. The council may fill the vacancy by appointment or hold a special election which would incur a cost to the city. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to direct the clerk to publish the notice of intent to appoint to fill the vacancy at the October 21, 2015 meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Hallberg, Muehlbauer, Halvorson. Nay – Carroll. Motion carried. Mayor Brooks asked the council to consider potential candidates to fill the position.

A brief discussion took place regarding parking along C Street now that the construction has been completed. Options are to make it all no parking, add 15 minute loading zone parking behind the Carriage House or make the street one-way. Concerns have been expressed about having cars parked along the road. With the road only recently back open it was thought that a month to see the traffic and parking activities or concerns would be best. Discussion will continue at the October meeting to determine if any ordinance changes must be made.

Council considered Change Order #4 for the Sewer Rehab Project in the amount of \$3,750 for the lower portion of steps and landing at the Palucci residence. Property owner will be responsible for excavation and upper stairs and retaining walls which are bid separately through the concrete company. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Change Order #4 for \$3,750 with A-1 Excavating. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

An increase in the cost estimate for a storm sewer extension on the Cross St. project was discussed. The extension is necessary to replace collapsed, undersized pipe that drains the hollow behind the Kirk Laufer property. The owner has agreed to allow the extension and sign an easement for the pipe. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Carroll to approve a cost increase of \$2,500 for the storm sewer extension to Vorwald Enterprises. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 01-09-2015 Proposing Disposal of Real Property – Emergency Evacuation Route for Marquette and set a public hearing for October 21 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Resolution 02-09-2015 Approving the 2014-2015 Annual Financial Report. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Resolution 03-09-2015 Approving the 2014-2015 Annual Urban Renewal Report. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve Resolution 04-09-2015 Authorizing Loan Agreement and Issuance of a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement Anticipation Project Note in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$200,000. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Carroll moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve pay request No. 5 Sewer Rehab Project to A-1 Excavating in the amount of \$94,963.19. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hunter Jensen presented information regarding his Eagle Scout Project. The project is construction of the concrete slab, footings for service branch stones and placement of the all veterans stone. The memorial is being planned in conjunction with the McGregor Pocket City Post Veterans. Other stones will be added during future Eagle Projects or as the funds are raised to purchase. The memorial will be located in Peace Park (Canon). Hallberg moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve the project. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

The question had arisen as to if a proof of insurance certificate can be provided for city boards such as the park board when they rent or use non city owned facilities for fund-raising activities. The council authorized the clerk to have Dan Bickel verify this coverage exists for future use. A reminder of the Hazard Plan update meeting scheduled for Monday, September 21 at 5:30 was given. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested in participating. Sander informed the council and audience that the FEMA storm water control project will be going to bid soon. Acquisitions are nearing completion and the time extension has been granted through March 22, 2017 for completion of the project. Following bid letting a budget increase may be required.

With business concluded, Muehlbauer moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Halvorson Ayes – All. Meeting adjourned.

Lynette L. Sander  
City Administrator