

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 17, 2013, 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, July 17, 2013** at City Hall with Mayor Pro Tem Muehlbauer presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Muehlbauer led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present: Carroll, Halvorson, and Bogdonovich. Collins was absent.

Bogdonovich moved, Carroll seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) June 19, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes c) Bills and Claims as presented for \$149,234.30 d) Pay Request Home #1- Final \$12,400 Bockenstedt Construction e) Pay Request Home #1 Dawn Hexom \$1,251.00 e) Treasurer's report month ended June 30, 2013 f) Liquor license transfer for Vet's Club weekends of October 5 and October 12, 2013. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.**

Maria Brummel, park board chair, requested assistance to purchase a new drinking fountain for the riverfront park. MMU has contributed \$800 towards the cost. Several handicap accessible units were available. Council suggested a contribution of \$1,200 to the unit that was priced at \$2,486 with fund raising for the remainder. If a higher price unit is selected, the balance over the amount contributed by MMU and the city would have to be raised. Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve the annual report for 2012-2013 for the park board. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** Bogdonovich moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve the dock commission annual report for 2012-2013. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** Bogdonovich moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve use of the riverfront park and a portion of the parking lot for the Friends Helping Friends fundraiser. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.**

Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to contract with Dietz Donald for the annual financial examination for an amount not to exceed \$3,200. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 01-07-2013 concerning completed construction on Lot 17 of Ohmer Ridge. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve a reversion of title agreement for Lot 2 Block 1 RWW II. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 02-07-2013 Releasing Escrow on Lot 2 Block 1 with Granger Knapp. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** Scott and Pam Clickner, as new owners, will pay legal costs of \$350 and \$1,000 for a two year extension of time to build.

Council reviewed a summary of costs from the June 22-27 storms that has been submitted to Emergency Management for potential disaster assistance. An estimate of \$43,795 plus costs not yet determined for one site have been turned in for consideration. Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to complete the work and submit necessary claim for reimbursement if there is a federal disaster declaration. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion**

**carried.** Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Resolution 03-07-2013 setting wages for 2013-2014 budget year. Wage rates in the resolution are 3% for all employees and are retroactive to July 1, 2013. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** The contract renewal for the city administrator was reviewed. Revisions include a 3% salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2013 and increase in mileage rates to the current IRS rate of .565 per mile. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** Sander requested council permission to take weekend employment which would not interfere with the duties of city administrator. Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to allow the request. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.**

A lengthy discussion took place regarding payout of a portion of Hamann's accumulated comp time. 29.25 hours were the result of the May and June storms. The discussion resulted in some changes being made to the personnel policy that was on the agenda later in the meeting for review. Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to pay out 29.25 hours and schedule time off for the remainder to bring it down to the level specified in the personnel policy. **Roll call vote: Ayes – Carroll, Halvorson, Muehlbauer. Nays-Bogdonovich. Motion carried.**

The council reviewed revisions requested by MMU board to a pledge agreement. Carroll moved, second by Halvorson to approve the pledge agreement as revised with MMU for the 2013A bond debt related to water projects. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** A copy of the clerk's planning worksheet for the upcoming November election was provided. The two year mayor's seat (Hallberg incumbent) and three four year council seats (Bogdonovich, Carroll and Collins incumbents) are up for election. Sander asked the council if there were any public measures to be included on the ballot. Council discussed the unified law enforcement levy that is a voted levy and asked that the clerk prepare the language for this measure to review at the next meeting. September 20 is the deadline to add to the ballot. The levy is \$1.50 per thousand of valuation.

Discussion was held about researching the cost to add on to the lower shop for a location to store all of the flood equipment. This would make it possible to have a central location for the equipment. Council directed clerk to look into the cost, but was not committed to the project at this time.

The council reviewed the compensation of mayors and clerks at several area cities and felt an increase in both mayor and council should be made before the next election. Although the increases must be made by ordinance council asked for a vote to determine if changes should be requested. Halvorson moved, second by Muehlbauer to adjust council compensation to \$50 per regular and special meeting. **Roll call vote: Ayes – Bogdonovich, Muehlbauer, Halvorson. Nays – Carroll. Carried.** Halvorson moved, seconded by Bogdonovich to increase the mayor compensation to \$3,000. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** Ordinance will be presented at August meeting.

Resolution 04-07-2013 regarding use permit, waiver and fees for use of city property was discussed. Council requested extra space be added on the form in which other requirements such as trash receptacles, barricades, etc could be listed. The addition of

this information would enable the street crews to have the necessary items available and provide a record from year to year for recurring activities. Fees would be waived for non-profits and for charitable events. Other fees would be determined based upon the space requested and other special requirements. Tabled until August meeting. Personnel policy was reviewed and several changes were requested. Tabled until August meeting.

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

Lynette L. Sander  
City Clerk