

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2013, 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, August 21, 2013** at City Hall with Mayor Hallberg presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Hallberg led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present: Carroll, Halvorson, Collins and Muehlbauer were present. Bogdonovich was absent.

Collins moved, Carroll seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) July 17, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes c) Bills and Claims as presented for \$131,589.04 d) Liquor license renewal – Pocket City Pub e) Liquor license application McGregor's Landing (pending dram shop) **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.**

Carl Hexom presented the council with initial request to pursue hosting the Romper Room Ride in June of 2014. 1500-2000 people participate in the ride and organizers are looking for great photo opportunities that capture the size of the event. Preliminary discussions have taken place with the DOT and MarMac PD regarding closure of Main Street from A Street to 7th St. The riders are in town for about two hours and would arrive at noon. Closure would be needed for about 3 hours. The council all agreed the event would be good for the community and gave their approval to Mr. Hexom to proceed with planning and to bring additional information as it becomes available.

The Dock Commission presented the council with a list of ongoing concerns related to the riverfront lease with the McGregor Marina. Included in the list were issues related to safety, poorly maintained docks with debris allowed to accumulate around them, and empty slips. A proposal was provided to the council to address the concerns and to discuss options for the city to regain a portion of the leased area for more public use and to allow addition of handicap accessible ramp. Council directed the attorney to work with the city clerk to prepare a letter to the Marina to initiate discussion about the proposed changes to the lease area. Additionally the attorney will research the city's and dock commission's authority to issue citations for negligence in maintaining the marina docks.

The Council discussed a request from Carole Stripe for an extension of time to build on the lot she owns in RWW II. Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to direct the attorney to prepare the documents for the next meeting. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.**

Bogdonovich joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to go into closed session per 21.5(c) to discuss strategy with council in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in

that litigation. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** The council entered closed session at 7:25 p.m.

The council returned to regular session at 7:43p.m. Carroll moved, seconded by Bogdonovich to have council person Collins present the city's proposal to Dan Davies to address the hardware store property concerns. **Roll call vote: Ayes-Carroll, Collins, Halvorson. Nays – Muehlbauer. Motion carried.** Attorney Schuster will prepare a summary of the items to be presented to Mr. Davies. Bogdonovich excused himself from the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Resolution 01-08-2013 approving the annual city street financial report. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve Resolution 02-08-2013 Approving early release of a promissory note for Angie Ducharme property and to accept pro-rated payment of \$240.16. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.**

Carroll moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve Resolution 03-08-2013 Amending the Employee Policy and Benefit Package with minor revisions discussed at the July meeting. **Roll call vote: Ayes- Carroll, Muehlbauer and Halvorson. Nays – Collins. Motion carried.** Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 04-08-2013 Approving form of permit for use of city property and setting fees. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** Sander explained that a separate fund will be set up for tracking expenses related to the May and June disasters. Storm water funds will be transferred as needed to cover the expenses. The resolution will be prepared at the time funds are required. No action taken on the donation request from the MFL MarMac Booster Club. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Collins to approve the 2013-2014 LP contract with Three Rivers FS at a per gallon rate of \$1.20 for 11,000 gallons. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.**

Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve the first reading of Ordinance 08-01-2013 Adding provisions to the McGregor Code of Ordinances pertaining to removal of an officer's communication or control device. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to waive the three reading requirement for Ordinance 08-01-2013. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** Halvorson moved, seconded by Collins to make final passage of Ordinance 08-01-2013. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** Ordinance effective upon publication.

Council discussed Ordinance 08-02-2013 pertaining to Mayor and Council compensation. Based on comparisons with other communities council directed preparation of the ordinance to include \$3,000 for the mayor and \$50 per regular and special meeting. Collins and Carroll objected to the increase in special meeting compensation for council members. No compromise was met and Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to table the item until the September meeting.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Collins to approve submission of a CLG Predevelopment grant for the Sullivan Opera House/Hardware Store. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion**

carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve submission of a grant application for HRDP Emergency Funds for mothballing of the Sullivan Opera House/hardware store. Maximum grant funds \$15,000. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** Sander reviewed the insurance adjustment for damages resulting from the May 29 storm that has been sent to the carrier for final review. The park board would like to begin planning on Turner Park and to use the insurance settlement towards the playground and other park improvements. The final settlement form is forthcoming and at that time additional discussion will be held regarding the planning and implementation. Due to non

Council discussed resubmission of the CDBG Sewer Grant application. UERPC completed the first application and will not charge for the reapplication and will work with Sander regarding any changes that should be made to the application to make it stronger. Much of the initial application information will be used in the second application as well. Collins moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve submission of the CDBG Sewer Grant application and to contract with UERPC to complete the application. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.**

Street projects planned are straighten the Buell St. bridge and completion of the storm related damages and \$2,000 in crack seal.

September meeting will be rescheduled for Monday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. Kick off meeting was held with FEMA – have 60 days to identify all projects that will be included in each of the two declared disasters.

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

Lynette L. Sander
City Clerk