

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2013, 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 18, 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, Collins, Hallberg, Halvorson, and Muehlbauer were present.

Muehlbauer moved, Halvorson seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion with the exception of the appointment to the MMU board so further discussion could take place. a) Agenda as listed b) November 20, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes and November 25, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes c) Bills and Claims as presented for \$80,080.17 (Beer & Brats to be billed for portion of Municipal Pipe Tool invoice for jetting of their service line) d) Treasurer's Report for November 2013 e) Police Commission appointment – Janet Hallberg to complete term of Gay Hallberg ending 06-30-2015, Dock Commission appointment – Lyle Troester - term ending 12-31-2016.

Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.

Council discussed the six year terms for MMU board members and asked the attorney if this could be changed in the ordinance. The attorney recommended that if they wanted to reduce the term that they wait to make this appointment until the ordinance could be changed. Mayor Hallberg asked for a motion on the appointment for the MMU board. Collins moved to appoint Charlie Zahn. There was no second and the motion failed. Council requested the attorney to look into what revisions could be made to the ordinance regulating the Utility Board for length of terms and the annual reporting requirements to be discussed at the January meeting.

Drake Jensen presented his Eagle Scout project which is to place a sign which will provide a brief history of historic activities on the riverfront. This will replace the existing sign. He has been working with the museum to locate the information that will be included in the sign and provided a sample of the material and design that will use one similar to one used by the National Park Service. The location was discussed and council asked that he return in March with more detail on his project and at that time the location will be selected. The project must be completed before July when he will turn 18. Council thanked him for selecting this project and congratulated him on his tenure with the Scouts.

A report was provided by the dock commission that recommended leaving the dock lease fees at \$10.00 per foot for 2014 for both private and commercial leases. Additionally the report asked for authority and backing of the city to prohibit use of docks in the leased area that are deemed to be unsafe. It was asked that boats not be allowed into the slips until any repairs have been made. The Dock Commission asked that more public slips be made available by reducing the footage leased by the Marina. The attorney informed the council that he has been working with the DNR regarding regulations and authority and that he can also incorporate changes to the ordinance at the same time to cover the

inspection and repairs. A meeting will be scheduled with Sporleders after the holidays to discuss the lease and the area that was not in use during 2013. Council agreed to allow the per foot rate of dock lease at the 2013 rate but stated that with the riverfront project that is being undertaken the dock commission should make increases to the rates in 2015.

The budget timeline was discussed with January 30 set for the budget workshop and the March regular meeting will be rescheduled to March 10 with no meeting held on the 19th.

Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Collins to approve Resolution 01-12-2013 Authorizing Transfer of Incremental Tax Funds to Pay Debt Incurred in the Consolidated Urban Renewal District. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.** Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 02-12-2013 Authorizing Transfer of Funds for Debt Service. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.**

Halvorson moved, seconded by Collins to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release Claim No. 908948 for \$5,000 from EMC Insurance to Mary L Garlock. **Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried.**

Mayor Hallberg administered the Oath of Office to councilmen elect Carroll and Collins. Mayor Hallberg thanked the audience and Council for the four years she had served as Mayor.

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

Lynette L. Sander
City Clerk