

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 10, 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Special Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Monday, March 10, 2014** 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: Carroll, Hallberg, Muehlbauer, and Halvorson. Collins was absent.

Carroll moved, Halvorson seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by one motion
a) Agenda as listed b) February 19, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes-all.
Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations – no comments received.

A scheduled public hearing to take comments regarding the proposed 2014-2015 budget was opened by Mayor Brooks. No comments were made at the meeting and no comments were received at city hall. The hearing was closed. Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 01-03-2014 approving the 2014-2015 budget with a levy rate of 13.64028 per thousand.

Council reviewed Ordinance 03-01-2014 being proposed to add Chapter 159 Regulating Docks to the Code of Ordinances. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the first reading of the ordinance with one and one half inches inserted in the decking requirement section. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to waive the three reading requirement. Roll call vote: Ayes – Hallberg, Halvorson, and Muehlbauer. Nays: Carroll. Motion defeated. Second reading will be considered at the March 19, 2014 meeting.

Carl Hexom was present to discuss the upcoming Romper Room event scheduled for June 21, 2014. Organizers had been in contact with him to confirm the ride is set to be in McGregor on that date for the lunch stop around 12:30 p.m. The group will be in town approximately two hours. City agreed to furnish additional trash roll outs, barricades, and 10 porti potties. Traffic control volunteers will be needed during the event to direct motorists not involved in the ride. The Lions Club has been contacted to provide the lunch stand with planning to begin later in the week. The Silver Dollar is working on its outside service permit and has two bands booked. A street dance will continue throughout the day with B Street being requested for additional enclosed – fenced area. That permit request will be forthcoming. Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve submission of the road closure permit for Highway 76. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to suspend alternate side parking on Main Street from May 1 – November 1 on weekends only. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Halvorson moved, second by Muehlbauer to make an offer of employment to candidate A for the part time grounds and streets maintenance position with a starting wage of \$11.00 per hour with fifty cent increases for satisfactory reviews at 90 and 180 days. The proposed start date will be March 31, 2014. Roll call vote: Ayes- all. Motion carried. Council discussed fee considerations

for sewer charges related to allowing water to run during the winter months to keep pipes from freezing. No action taken at this time. Mayor Brooks read a Proclamation proclaiming April 2014 as Community Beautification Month. Hallberg moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve collaboration with the McGregor-Marquette Center for the Arts on an Earth Day activity to involve the community to decorate picnic tables as a community event. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. A budget and number of tables will be determined and set at the March 19 meeting. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to set April 28, 2014 for spring clean-up date. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Council discussed continuation of discounts on city owned lots in Ohmer Ridge and RWW II sub-divisions. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 02-03-2014 providing a 10% discount on lots and authorizing the mayor and clerk to accept offers at the discount price. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve incentives for buyers of city lots and rebate incentives from MMU through March 31, 2015. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Muehlbauer moved, second by Hallberg to approve exclusive open right to sell agreement with Brooks Realty for a period of one year. Roll call vote: Ayes- all. Motion carried.

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

Lynette L. Sander