

McGregor City Council  
PUBLIC FORUM  
August 5, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

The McGregor City Council held a public forum meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Brooks presiding. Mayor Brooks led the pledge of allegiance. Collins, Muehlbauer, Halvorson, Hallberg, and Carroll were in attendance. In the audience were: Bob Wiemerslage, Doug Farley, Linda & Jim Boeke, Louise White, Becky Johnson, Anne Loomis, Jerry Kruse, Charlene Palucci, Bob Clark, Audrey Posten (NIT), Bob Davis, Linda & Bart Knight, out of town visitor.

Mayor Brooks welcomed the audience and explained that the meeting was being held to gather input on the parking regulations that are currently in place. No decisions were planned at this time, but will come at a subsequent meeting following discussion of the input from this meeting. The Mayor asked that solutions be offered to address any concerns. Mayor Brooks stated that the alternate side parking is suspended for Main Street while the council determines what revisions are to be made to the ordinance.

Two comments were received by phone and one written comment was dropped off. The written comment was read and noted. Summary of comments received from audience and other sources:

1. Business owners, residents and their employees should use the parking lots and use main street only for loading/unloading
2. No overnight parking from 3<sup>rd</sup> St. to river – 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
3. Entries to town have Nov. 1 – March 31 snow removal alternate parking- 69.17, “all night parking prohibited” of the code continues the alternate parking year round
4. Alternate parking signs need to be more specific if use is to be continued
5. Use snow emergency instead of alternate parking
6. If continue to use alternate parking eliminate section of code that leaves it in effect during summer months
7. 1<sup>st</sup> St. parking underutilized- needs to be striped to be more user friendly- all public parking areas need to have directional signage – could the chamber add public parking directions to their web site.
8. Go back to placing signs on the streets when street cleaning will be done – involve businesses to put out the signs. Others thought should remain city duty.
9. Sweeping and snow removal need to be done prior to 7 a.m. because parking spaces begin to fill up by that time.
10. Tickets for parking create a bad impression to tourists
11. Wednesday and Thursday street cleaning – is there a way to notify if won't be cleaning
12. A- Street was once looked at for diagonal parking – are there plans that show this and could this be considered – street would have to become one-way.

Mayor Brooks informed the audience that due to budget concerns last year snow removal was reduced during the later months. This may occur again this year. The audience thanked the mayor and council for the opportunity to provide input. City crew was commended for the work

they do with the streets, parks, flowers and sidewalks. With business concluded, on motion of Halvorson and second of Carroll the meeting was adjourned.

Lynette L. Sander  
City Clerk