

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2014 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 15, 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: Halvorson, Carroll, Collins, and Muehlbauer. Hallberg was absent.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) September 17, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes and Special Meeting minutes October 6, 2014 c) Bills and Claims as presented – Expenditures: City- \$42,506.75, Library - \$919.82 – Revenues - \$110,376.97 d) Treasurer’s Report for September 2014 Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: No comments made

Mayor Brooks opened a scheduled public hearing to take comments on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for Prospect Street Sewer Improvements. Mike Davy of Davy Engineering reviewed the cost estimate for the project, bids received, scope of work, recommendations of award and cash security and schedule for completion. Road base and blasting if rock is encountered may be reduced or not needed and will be billed only in the quantity authorized during construction. No comments were received at city hall and none were received at city hall. The hearing was closed. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 03-10-2014 Approving Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimated Cost for Public Improvements for Prospect St. Sewer Improvements. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Collins to approve Resolution 04-10-2014 Awarding Contract for Prospect St. Improvements in the amount of \$40,916.61, and accepting a \$5,000 cash security in lieu of bond. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Davy Engineering gave a status report for the riverfront dredge and riprap project and discussed three change orders for additional work the council had given preliminary approval to at the October 6 meeting. A pre-construction meeting will be held on Friday, October 17 at the Riverview so boat house tenants, marina operator and city staff can ask questions about the work. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Riverfront Project Change Order #1 for \$127,971.00 for additional rip rap. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Collins moved, seconded by Carol to approve Riverfront Change Order #2 for \$16,665 to replace a section of storm sewer outlet and add an apron. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve Riverfront Change Order #3 for \$15,575 for replacement of the dry hydrant. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Fire Chief, Dan Bickel, addressed the Council to inform them of the departments need to replace the 1974 truck that will be retired. The truck being purchased is a 2014 International 4400 that will cost \$199,820.72. The Chief requested Council approval to use \$142,000 from the fire truck reserve fund to combine with a grant of \$35,000 from UMGC, funds from the Hook & Ladder

Association, and an additional request to the townships. Approval will also be sought from the township and City of Marquette. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve use of \$142,000 from the fire truck reserve fund for purchase of the truck. Roll call vote: Ayes – Hallberg, Halvorson, Carroll, and Collins. Muehlbauer abstained. Motion carried.

Hallberg moved, seconded by Collins to approve the Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment for submission with the 2015 Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program grant application. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Ordinance 10-01-2014 Pertaining to Winter Parking was presented for its second reading. Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to waive the three reading requirement for the ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes – Hallberg, Muehlbauer, and Halvorson. Nays- Carroll and Collins. Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve the second reading of Ordinance 10-01-2014 Pertaining to Winter Parking. Roll call vote: Ayes – Carroll, Hallberg, Halvorson, Muehlbauer. Nays – Collins. Third and final reading will be at the November meeting.

Council discussed revision of Trick or Treat hours for this year due to it falling on a Friday night. Hallberg moved, seconded by Halvorson to set the hours for Trick or Treat in the City of McGregor to 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2014. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. The 2014 annual Urban Renewal report was presented for approval. Collins moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Resolution 05-10-2014 approving the 2014 Urban Renewal Report. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

A summary of discussion at the Dock Commission meeting held on Monday, October 13 was provided by those in attendance. A follow up meeting will be held on Friday with the engineer and contractor. There was concern expressed that the pushers and cables would not be eliminated and that the dock commission should consider a plan to install a shared pier for the boat houses. Council noted that this riverfront project is intended to improve the aesthetics of the area which is a vital element in the economy of McGregor. With the investment the city is making to improve the riverfront, the council stressed the importance of the lease holders joining in the process to clean up the area.

Further discussion took place regarding a request from Brad and Connie Keyes to purchase a portion of Point Ann to construct a garage. The Keyes had discussed the project with MMU due to the location of a utility pole who said there would not be a problem as long as the building would be 12 feet from the wires. Carroll suggested the width of the area being requested be reduced and that he would not have a problem with the sale. A decision will be considered in November so that the Keyes may request any required variance from the Board of Adjustment before proceeding with the sale.

Sander informed the Mayor and Council that the Release of Funds for the CDBG Sewer Rehab project has been received and that bids will be let during the winter for work to begin in the spring. Dan Davies has declined signing the property agreement for the encroachment of his building even after changes were made based on his comments at the previous meeting. The clerk will contact the attorney for recommendation. Mayor Brooks informed the council about the cancellation of offer to purchase Lot 14.

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

Lynette L. Sander  
City Administrator