

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2015 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 18, 2015** 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, Hallberg, Collins, and Muehlbauer.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) January 21, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes c) Bills and Claims as presented – Expenditures: City- \$47,109.51, Library - \$1,115.51 Revenues - \$216,631.41 d) Treasurer's Report for January, 2015 Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: No comments made.

Police report: Officer Rumph gave a report of calls for service to date.

Collins moved, second by Muehlbauer to approve appointment of Jerry Thornton to the position of Fire Chief for McGregor Hook and Ladder Company No. 1. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Mr. Thornton replaces retired Chief Dan Bickel who served as chief for 30 years. Council thanked Mr. Bickel for his service and welcomed Mr. Thornton.

Attorney Schuster discussed preliminary revisions to the dock lease permit but informed the council that he would like to have further discussion with dock commission members before presenting a draft for consideration.

Council reviewed the proposed 2015-2016 budget with a levy of 13.98888 per thousand. Halvorson moved, seconded by Collins to adopt the proposed budget and schedule a public hearing for final approval on March 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve a three year contract through March 1, 2018 with Southwest Veterinary Services for boarding and keeping of stray animals. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve use permit for Friends Helping Friends Triathlon & Benefit for March 6. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Collins moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve a three year extension to the contract with Waste Management for solid waste pick up. The new base rate is \$13.26 per unit plus fuel surcharge with annual rate increase based on CPI-U. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Quote from Eilers Electric for electric upgrades in Triangle Park was tabled until March 4 special meeting. Craig Strutt and Linda Boeke were present to discuss the Sewer Rehab Project and proposed work along C-Street. Jim Maloney from Davey Engineering was also in attendance. Mr. Strutt opened by explaining his interpretation of the Utility Board as a contractor for the city. Several poles are in the street right-of-way and need to be moved. Mr. Strutt said MMU would move the critical poles and would try to provide a truck to brace other poles in the area of the retaining walls that will need to be replaced. Cost to move the poles

would be \$4,500 - \$6,000 which the utility would cover. He asked that any future projects must be brought to the Board rather than through the employees as the Board was not aware that the poles needed to be moved until the January meeting. Collins stated the Council was under the assumption that because MMU staff had been involved throughout the planning process that the Board was receiving the information, which he now understood was not the case. Mr. Strutt requested plans for the Cross St. sewer and road improvements where another pole must be moved. Attorney Schuster provided an explanation of the Board and City relationship and the responsibilities of the Utility Board.

Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Resolution 01-02-2015 authorizing transfer of funds to Sewer Fund in the amount of \$15,999.31 from capital projects. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

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

Lynette L. Sander  
City Administrator