

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 20, 2015 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 20, 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, and Muehlbauer. Collins was absent.

Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Carroll to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) April 15, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes and May 6, 2015 Special Meeting minutes c) Bills and Claims as presented – Expenditures: City- \$465,261.03, Library - \$1,636.94 Revenues - \$223,904.07 d) Treasurer’s Report for April, 2015 e) Liquor License Renewals – Riverview, Vet’s Club License and Transfer for Memorial Day Weekend f) Appointments – Police Commission - Janet Hallberg– Term ending 06-30-2017, Board of Adjustment - Tom Sinclair – Term Ending 03-06-2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: Ray Sporleder presented an invoice for \$4,470.51 for costs he felt the city should be responsible. No action was taken because the item was not on the agenda. Council representatives will discuss further after researching the concerns. Betty Gingerich asked that street crew repair a broken curb near Gazebo Park.

Police report: Officer Sear reported activity of the police department from the beginning of the year and explained call for service activities.

Mayor Brooks opened a scheduled public hearing to take comments on proposed 2014-2015 budget amendments. No comments were received by the mayor or council, at city hall or at the meeting. The hearing was closed. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 01-05-2015 approving 2014-2015 budget amendments with increase in expenses of \$1,018,530. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Jim Maloney, from Davy Engineering, discussed items for Change Order #2 which included the retaining wall, steps and stamped pedestrian walkways. Railing for the steps to replace original was removed along with the stamped concrete for further discussion. Carol moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Change Order #2 to include \$15,000 for the Corson retaining wall, \$5,226.75 for the Miller step replacement. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Pattern for the retaining walls was discussed with further information on color versus natural requested prior to a decision being made.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve request from DF Excavating to allow Key City Excavating, Inc to perform over 50% of the contract for the Cross Street Sewer Project. Their contract stipulates they must be granted permission from the city to be able to do this. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the request from DF Excavating to sub contract with Key City Excavating for more than 50% of the work. Roll call vote: Ayes – Hallberg, Carroll, Halvorson. Nay – Muehlbauer.

Jeff Moses addressed the council with his request to again display his Riverbluffs Maritime Museum at the riverfront park. Dates planned are June 27-28, July 11-12, July 25-26, August 22-23 and September 12-13. Council welcomed him back for the season and thanked him for his continued interest in coming to McGregor. Robert Vavra addressed the council with his intent to board in McGregor throughout the season. His boat has been decorated and is at the docks ready for boarding. Improved signage near the public restroom is in the works. He complimented the council for the riverfront improvements and how that has improved the appearance of the entire riverfront and adds to the attraction. Once the park is seeded and benches and flowers placed it will be even more noticeable.

Lori Brockway from UERPC discussed several housing programs available and the status of the city's current programs. The 1st Time Homebuyer program placed two new owners with two available that were not completed. The program is closed out. The 2015 Owner Occupied was not funded, perhaps due to the fact that the 2014 grant was not closed out. The application scored fairly well however. Ms. Brockway informed the council that the NEIRHTF board has approved \$6,000 towards a 2016 Owner Occupied application which would strengthen the application. The funds would be available when cost for rehab exceeds the available funding per home. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve submission of the 2016 CDBG Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Grant application with the city committing \$1,500 per home for 8 homes, with UERPC preparing the grant for \$750. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to enter closed session per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (1) j to discuss the purchase of real estate. Roll call vote: Ayes – Muehlbauer, Carroll, Hallberg, Halvorson. Council entered closed session at 8:10 p.m. The council returned to open session at 8:30. Carroll moved, seconded by Hallberg to direct Attorney Schuster to do further research regarding the requirements involved with the potential real estate acquisition and to report back to the Mayor and Council at the June meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Ordinance 05-01-2015 revisions pertaining to One-way Streets was reviewed. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Halvorson to waive the three reading requirement and move to final passage of the ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve final passage of Ordinance 05-01-2015 Chapter 68 pertaining to one-way traffic. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding parking ordinance changes that were proposed for handicap parking, no parking areas and limited time parking zones. Carroll requested changes to the ordinance for alternate parking during winter months. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 05-02-2015 pertaining to parking regulations. Roll call vote: Ayes – Muehlbauer, Hallberg, Halvorson. Nay – Carroll. Second reading will take place at June meeting.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve submission of a UMGC grant application for the Turner Park project Phases I - III. The request on the pre-application was \$34,000. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Council discussed the West Main shop shared with MMU

and County. The fire department has been looking for additional space to store flood equipment and boats and this was a potential option. No action was taken but the item will remain on the agenda for the June meeting for further discussion. Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 03-05-2015 authorizing transfer of TIF funds to debt service fund for annual principal and interest payment. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Resolution 04-05-2015 authorizing transfer of enterprise funds for debt service. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 05-05-2015 authorizing collection of bills owed to the city by tax lien. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. A request to close the alley from the post office north to A-Street during the Art Festival to hold a wine and beer tasting in the Old Man River parking lot was considered. Hallberg moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve the street closure. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. The Council reviewed a quote for ditch clean up along Great River Road on the south city limits. The work is necessary to eliminate the culvert at Palas' driveway from becoming plugged with debris during heavy rain and overflowing onto Walton. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Carroll to approve a 50/50 cost share with the county on the estimate provided by Thornton Transportation in a not to exceed amount of \$3,700. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve agreement for staking and plat descriptions for FEMA project in an amount not to exceed \$2,500. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Mayor Brooks informed the Council of a request made by the Marquette mayor to obtain an easement across property owned by the City of McGregor for their emergency evacuation plan for getting residents off of the bench area. The clerk and Mayor took part in a pre-interview with City View T.V. show. Inclusion on the show was cost prohibitive so the opportunity must be declined. Mayor and joint committee members discussed the lack of effectiveness of the committee which has been meeting for several months. In light of the continued problems with communication and lack of progress that has taken place it was determined that no additional meetings will be held. Policy adoption will be discussed. Photos of a street light were shown to the council sent by MMU to the clerk's office. Sander provided a copy of a letter from residents regarding the dirt moving on the property adjacent to Buell Ave. Will forward to the city attorney. The bonding attorney has been contacted regarding options for borrowing to cover any shortfall in the sewer project. EMC insurance bill will be paid this week and on next months bills and claims.

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

Lynette L. Sander
City Administrator