

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 17, 2015 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, June 17, 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 were absent.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) May 20, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes c) Bills and Claims as presented – Expenditures: City- \$474,378.14, Library - \$710.87 Revenues - \$294,349.42 d) Treasurer’s Report for May, 2015 e) Liquor License Renewals – Pending Dram Shop endorsements – Crazy Carl’s Silver Dollar, Vet’s Club Transfers for October 3-4 and October 10-11 f) Tobacco License Renewal – Kwik Star. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: No comments received.

Police report: Officer Rumph reported 1,994 calls for service to date. 454 Traffic contacts. Operations report – provided an update on status of street projects – Prospect St. work remaining core out, black top, curb and gutter. Cross St. storm sewer, curb and gutter, core out, pave, sidewalk. Thornton Enterprise has been contacted by Mayor Brooks regarding clean up of Great River Road ditch. Hamann will coordinate start date. The street sweeper was being serviced in Burlington and was returned the afternoon of the 16. Following black topping operations streets will be cleaned. Temporary help has been hired until August, Jack’s Lawn Care was notified that they can discontinue mowing.

Sewer rehab project update: Current outstanding issues being addressed – Corson garage – A-1 Construction was responsible for protecting the garage as specified in the plans. They were to contact the property owner with plans for repairs. Driveways will be replaced in the areas removed during construction, Carriage House – removed ramp that was extended into the right of way. The owner has been contacted with two options for repair and will make his decision before June 24. A curb cut will be made and handicap access provided at rear side door of Congregational Church. A private electric circuit from 523 Main St to a garage across C Street was cut during construction activities. The line was not located so the contractor was not responsible. Mayor Brooks informed MMU that the line could not be run through the street again and asked that they work out an equitable solution with the owner. Power poles are not removed from C-Street yet. Mediacom and Alpine lines remain. Both are waiting for the road to dry to complete the work. Asphaltting will begin on Thursday the 18th, retaining wall work will begin when lines have been moved and poles removed. Remaining concrete work is expected before the end of June, street work will be completed and backfilling of affected areas after that. The tentative substantial completion date is July 17 with favorable weather conditions.

Mayor Brooks asked if there were any additional construction concerns that had not been covered in the status update. Richard Palucci stated an additional step would be needed at their property, which Hamann stated had been discussed and would be taken care of.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Pay Request #2 to A-1 Construction for the sewer rehab project in the amount of \$292,095.10. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Change Order #3 for the sewer rehab project for \$12,846.00 for stamped concrete walkways, 2 - 48” storm inlets, and to isolate and abandon 6th St. watermain. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve reimbursement of costs for railing to be replaced on section of steps and landing removed for retaining wall replacement in an amount not to exceed \$1,364. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hallberg moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Pay Request #1 Cross St. Sewer Project to DF Excavating for \$31,097.11. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Project is complete except for televising the sewer line. Balance remaining of approximately \$2,200 which is about \$2,000 under budget.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to go into closed session to discuss purchase of real estate under Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)j. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Audience was dismissed and entered closed session at 7:04 p.m. Regular session was resumed at 7:36 p.m.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the second reading of Ordinance 05-02-2015 Chapter 69 Pertaining to Parking Regulations. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Final passage will be considered at the next meeting. Council discussed a request from the City of Marquette for an easement over Lot 7 of Block 4 in the Ridgewood West Subdivision. The easement is being requested for an emergency evacuation plan to be able to get people off from the Bench area in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. Mayor Brooks expressed concern that if a road was constructed it would attract use by four wheelers and snow mobiles. He supports the emergency evacuation plan and use of the lot but would want it to remain a grass strip and have a gate installed with access only allowed only in the event of an emergency. Attorney Schuster will work with the city attorney for Marquette with the terms. All costs for the easement are to be borne by the City of Marquette.

Council reviewed proposals received from three CPA firms for the annual examination. Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to contract with Dietz, Donald and Co for the 2014-2015 annual exam in an amount not to exceed \$2,300.00. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve the contract for road salt with Compass Minerals for the amount of 20 tons at \$85 per ton picked up (\$1,700). Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve a three year contract with United Waste Recycling for sludge hauling at a cost of \$0.0310 per gallon. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve the City Laundry contract for hi-visibility shirts at \$5.20 per employee per week for 11 shirts and cleaning of rugs at \$7.20 per month. Roll call vote : Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve contracting with Fauser Oil for 11,500 gallons of LP at a cost of \$.796 per gallon. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried

Council chose not to discuss purchase of the West Main Street Shop. Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve survey costs with Great Plains Survey not to exceed \$3,080 if required for property acquisition for the FEMA project. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion

carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve purchase of Joel Matt property for \$5,222.42 for the entire parcel for Basins 2 & 3 of the FEMA project. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Mayor Brooks thanked recent contributors to the Turner Park Improvement Project, Great River Care has pledged \$5,000 with an additional \$5,000 if the committee gets a \$10,000 donation from another organization, MFL-MarMac has pledge \$20,000 and the Upper Mississippi River Boat and Yacht Club raised \$1,800 towards playground equipment.

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

Lynette L. Sander
City Administrator