

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 21 2015 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 21, 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, Hallberg, and Muehlbauer. Carroll was absent.

Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) September 16, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes c) Bills and Claims as presented – Expenditures: City- \$162,941.71, Library - \$959.97, Revenues - \$166,435.25 d) Treasurer's Report for September, e) Liquor license renewal – Kwik Star f) Appointments - Planning and Zoning – Becky Ruff and Larry Brummel – Terms ending 10/26/2020, Historic Preservation Commission – Non-voting – Ken White, Michelle Pettit – Terms ending 09/30/2018 g) Council committee appointment – Infrastructure – Charles Carroll. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: No public comments were received. Councilman Carroll arrived at 6:38 p.m.

Police report – Chief Bogdonovich introduced the new full time officer Brad McNett. Jakob Regal has also been hired as a reserve officer. The department received a grant to assist with the purchase of five (5) radios from UMGC.

Mayor Brooks opened a scheduled public hearing to take comments on Resolution 01-09-2015 Proposing Disposal of Interest in Real Property for an emergency evacuation route for residents of Marquette's Bench area. No comments were received at city hall and no comments were made at the hearing. Mayor Brooks closed the hearing.

Mayor Brooks asked the council if they had any interested parties for appointment to the city council for the vacancy created by the resignation of Joe Collins. No names were offered from any of the council members. The mayor informed the council that there has been some interest expressed by several people to him and to the city clerk however no firm commitment to fill the seat. He recommended that the council defer selection to the upcoming special meeting on November 4 so that follow up with interested parties can be made to secure a firm commitment. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Carroll to defer appointment to fill the vacancy to the November 4, 2015 special meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

The council considered a request to construct a wood storage area on city property adjacent to the Donna Horsfield fence on the parking lot side. The request was made at city hall and was deferred to the council. The consensus was that it was not something that the council was interested in allowing to be constructed there. Crazy Carl had returned the check that he was given for the siding repairs along the parking lot. He had stated he was contacting his insurance company. No further communication has been received yet on this matter.

Council considered Resolution 01-10-2015 Approving Disposal of Interest in Real Property for the evacuation route for Marquette Bench area. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 01-10-2015 and to sign the evacuation agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Resolution 02-10-2015 was presented for approval. The resolution replaces a previous resolution for the CDBG Owner Occupied Housing Grant Application revising the number of homes down to 6 from the 8 that had previously been approved. This is a new limit established by the program. Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Resolution 02-10-2015 Approving Submission of a CDBG Application to IEDA and the Expenditure of Funds to be Applied to Local Match for a Housing Fund General Application for Owner Occupied Rehabilitation – city match \$1,500 per home and NEIRHTF match \$750 per home. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 03-10-2015 Authorizing Internal Advances of Funds for Payment of Urban Renewal Projects. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Walter Stavropolus has withdrawn from the Eagle Scout project to replace the city hall sign stating he has too many commitments to take on the additional work. Council asked that the info be retained for perhaps a future Eagle Scout or for the city to complete the sign. Trick or Treat hours will be 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2015 in McGregor. A preliminary health insurance renewal quote was provided. The same policy renewal premium is up approximately 5%. Council asked that the renewal be placed on the November agenda for final discussion and decision. Three quotes were provided for a replacement copier for the office. Council would like to address at a future meeting. A list of unused city property was provided to the council. Council asked that a minimum bid be determined for the equipment to be advertised. Several items of playground equipment removed from Turner Park will be held for the spring fundraising auction being planned by the Turner Park committee.

Winter parking regulations take effect on November 1. The notice will be sent out in the MMU bill. A volunteer committee is organizing to decorate Triangle Park for the holidays. Sander asked the council if the city would provide funding for decorations. Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to order a set of lifesize Victorian carolers with sleigh for use in the park and apply the proceeds of items mentioned above being sold to cover the cost. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Carroll moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to set a public hearing for Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 6:30 for plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for the FEMA Storm Water Flooding Control Project. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

City will sponsor a tree at the festival of trees and provide treat bags for Santa visit for the Small Business Saturday being planned for November 28. This is tentative with planning still in the works. McGregor was one of two NE Iowa communities eligible to apply for grant funding for source water protection planning. A letter requesting consideration for funding was sent to RC&D for the application. If funded this is a three year program and will require the formation of a committee for several planning meetings. The certificate of substantial completion for the sewer rehabilitation project has been signed and submitted. Palucci steps are completed, Corson tuckpointing has been scheduled, and are awaiting final bills. An amendment has been approved for release of remaining CDBG funds up to the \$300,000. Playground equipment for Turner Park has been ordered. HPC has a committee working with Christina Dollhausen to see if there

is interest in establishing a friends group for the Sullivan Opera House. The park board received a \$23,000 grant for the Turner Park playground equipment.

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

Lynette L. Sander
City Administrator