

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2015 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 16, 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, Carroll, and Muehlbauer.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion with the Dock Commission appointment to be considered by separate motion a) Agenda as listed b) November 18, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes and November 24, 2015 and November 30, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes c) Bills and Claims as presented – Expenditures: City- \$74,077.63, Library - \$987.69, Revenues - \$162,303.42 d) Treasurer’s Report for November, e) Appointments – MMU – Craig Strutt and Dennis Regal – Terms ending 12-31-2021, Park Board – Megan Beisker and Bob Pruett – Terms ending 12-31-2018. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to appoint Jerry Kruse and Pat Mullarky to Dock Commission, Terms ending 12-31-2018. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: No public comments were received.

Paul and Joan Burns introduced themselves to the Mayor and Council as the new owners of the overlook property on Point Anne Lane. Their request to purchase a portion of Point Anne Lane was discussed. The request was to improve access and facilitate construction/placement of a home on severely sloped and limited parcel. Their request was for disposal of the street ROW adjacent to lots 48 – 55. Access to those lots for Bunge and the City is not required from Point Anne so it was suggested that the area be extended to the end of the city shop property mid way on lot44. Carroll had concerns about losing the access here, but it was explained that there will be no other houses built there and that the road would have to be maintained by the city. Rylan Retallick from the DNR had no concerns about access to their lots. The majority of the council was supportive of the disposal and Attorney Schuster was directed to prepare the paperwork to begin the disposal process.

The council considered a draft of a resolution establishing the policy for disposal of city property. Attorney Schuster had recommended the update to the existing policy which was approved in 2000. Council and clerk agreed the revisions were appropriate and will address the resolution at the January meeting. Mr. Schuster had been directed to research the recommendations provided in the city’s annual exam related to the library trust fund investments and any existing conflict due to purchases at Kwik Star where Councilperson Hallberg is employed. He explained that the Library Board is in violation of Iowa law by investing outside of the county in which the city is located. Council asked that he prepare a letter to the library board explaining the violation and asking that it be corrected. Based on Section 362.5 of Iowa Code, no conflict exists by purchasing from Kwik Star as Councilperson Hallberg is only an employee and does not benefit from the purchases.

Dan Keyes addressed the Council to discuss the possibility of working with Marquette to develop a connecting trail for walking or biking on the emergency access just approved with McGregor. The path would remain gated and could be extended to join into other areas owned by the City, McGregor Heights, or other state owned ground. He had presented the idea to the City of Marquette at their most recent council meeting and the idea was met favorably. The council was enthusiastic about the development of a connective trail system and encouraged Mr. Keyes to proceed and to provide updates.

Rylan Retallick, Pikes Peak and Yellow River State Parks, also discussed the possibilities of trails that would connect throughout the city limits. Some areas are more sensitive due to the presence of burial mounds, but the state is encouraging collaboration with local governments. Previous requests from the city for hard surfaced trails were not acceptable with the state. He would like to meet to discuss potential areas where trails could be located. Maintenance agreements would also need to be developed. The 1st Hike will be held at Pike's Peak on January 1 to get people active and in the outdoors. A relatively easy route has been selected and should take no more than an hour to hour and a half. Flyers will be sent out to the city soon. Participants should meet at the overlook parking. Snow shoes will be available – if there is any snow but are not necessary to do the hike. Reinstatement of the special deer hunt for 2016 was discussed. A flyover cost share had been turned down by the city in the final year of the hunt. Deer damage reports should be made available to city hall to substantiate the need to open up the park and city for another bow hunt. Council asked Mr. Retallick to investigate the cost of a fly over to count the herd this winter if snow cover occurs.

Cathy Corpian and Lyle Troester were present to make a request for funding assistance to purchase an additional section of walkway for the area adjacent to the private boat houses. The walkway would have public access although the boat houses are private property. Estimated costs for the project for ramps, spuds and additional costs are \$49,045. The commission has \$28,000 available and requested the city assist with the \$24,000 remaining from the riverfront improvements. This would allow some cushion for unexpected expenses and would also allow the commission to replenish their fund with the spring dock rent fees that come in during May and June. Ms. Corpian asked if the council would also commit perhaps another \$7,000 for other improvements if needed. The clerk suggested that the additional funding be considered in the 2016-2017 budget and that the remaining funds of \$23,843.10 held in the riverfront capital improvement fund could be applied to the invoice for the walkway when it comes with the dock commission paying the remainder. Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve expenditure of \$23,843.10 on the walkway invoice when submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Carroll moved, seconded by Hallberg to make a contribution of \$250 for the MFL MarMac After Prom Party. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve entering into a Jurisdiction Agreement for Iowa Byways Signage Installation and Maintenance. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 01-12-2015 authorizing transfer of funds \$62,392.91 from Turner Park Savings to General Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes - all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve purchase of Canon copier for \$3,065.00. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Council discussed a date to schedule a public hearing to take comments regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to deny the application for rezoning by Trilogy Partners LLC. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Carroll to set the hearing for Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall and to publish notice. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. The timeline for budget preparation and meetings was provided by the clerk. Meeting dates for budget are January 20 regular meeting – reports and budget requests from boards, February 3 6:00 p.m. budget workshop, February 17 adopt final proposed budget and order notice of hearing, March 9 (rescheduled regular meeting) to approve budget, March 16 meeting canceled.

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

Harold W. Brooks, Mayor

Attest:

Lynette L. Sander
City Administrator