

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2016 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 20, 2016** 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, Echard, and Muehlbauer.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) December 16, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes c) Bills and Claims as presented – Expenditures: City- \$50,434.88, Library - \$1,584.13, Revenues - \$160,219.91 d) Treasurer's Report for December, e) Appointments – UERPC Housing Committee – Charles Carroll– Terms ending 12-31-2018, Treasurer – Mary Guritz – Term Ending 01-31-2018, City Administrator – Lynette Sander – Term Ending 01-31-2018. Mayor appointments for council committees: Mayor Pro-tem – Muehlbauer, Personnel – Hallberg, Muehlbauer, Economic Development – Halvorson, Echard, Infrastructure – Carroll, Echard, Parks and Riverfront – Hallberg, Carroll, HPC liaison – Halvorson. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: Request made to post agenda at Post Office instead of library.

Police report – Officer McNett was present to report to the Council. He will be attending academy training at Waterloo.

Operations report – Public Works Director Hamann reported that the crews are currently working on rehabbing as many wooden picnic tables as possible. Two new employees attended the Luster Heights day long training with other area personnel and officials. Salt/sand use had been minimal until the last snow storm.

Cheri Leachman, American Legion Post 267, addressed the council to request a donation of \$500 to help with the cost of bringing the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall to the Clayton County Fairgrounds June 30 – July 5, 2016. Decision was delayed to the end of the meeting.

Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve a donation of \$500 to the Moving Wall. Roll call vote: Ayes- All. Motion carried. John Nikolai presented a request from the Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission for a donation to assist with the cost of restoration of the Clayton County Court House clock tower. The clock has had repairs completed but the tower itself is also in need of repair. He asked that the council consider a donation when preparing the 2016-2017 budget.

Reports and budget requests were provided by the following groups and departments: McGregor Public Library (\$91,763), McGregor Park Board (\$10,000), McGregor-Marquette Center for the Arts (\$10,000), McGregor-Marquette Chamber of Commerce (\$13,930), McGregor Historical Society (heat, electric, building maintenance). All organizational reports provided an update of activities during 2015 and those being planned for 2016. The council was thanked for their past and future support which is essential to be able to offer the services they provide.

Hallberg moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Change Order No. 5 – Sewer Rehab Project in the amount of \$3,374.25. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve Pay Request No. 7 Final- Sewer Rehab Project to A-1 Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$31,346.91. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to ratify and confirm clerk scheduling public hearing and publishing notice re Trilogy zoning request. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve Resolution 01-01-2016 awarding contract and for the FEMA stormwater control project and authorizing mayor and clerk to enter into a written contract with the contractor upon engineer's statement that surety bonds and other contract documents are satisfactory. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 02-01-2016 establishing policy for disposal. (replaces previous resolution 6-4-00). Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Resolution 03-01-2016 proposing disposal of real property – portion of Point Anne Lane (C St.) and setting public hearing for February 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 04-01-2016 authorizing collection of bills owed to the city – tax lien. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve Resolution 05-01-2016 appointing Harold W. Brooks as representative and Jason Echard as alternate to Clayton County Emergency Management Commission for 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to approve Auditor's Plat No. 15 for areas of Northeast Iowa Outing Association and waive review. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve a permit for Peppy Pals/Mendon Hustlers for use of Turner Park on March 26, 2016 to hold an Easter Egg Hunt. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the proposed 2016-2017 MarMac Unified Law Enforcement budget. The total proposed budget is for \$233,029.01 with McGregor's share at 47% in the amount of \$109,523.63. Items of concern were proposed pay increases of 4% fuel estimated at \$3.04 per gallon, family health insurance plans and employee contributions with a possible increase, clerical costs reduction, removing the excess from the budget rather than writing a check back to the cities. Carroll asked if any recent comparisons had been done of the MarMac Pd budget to those of other area departments. He asked if that could be done so the council would have better information on which to base decisions. Sander cautioned that the amount of increase to McGregor is \$5,000 higher than the increase in general fund revenue which funds many other departments and programs. She stated that a total budget of \$223,000 would be more acceptable and less likely to affect other programs. Overestimating the police budget creates a budget shortfall for other departments. The budget had been approved by the police commission at their January meeting and Marquette had approved the budget at their meeting on January 19. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the 2016-2017 police budget at \$233,075.65 with McGregor at a 47% share of \$109,523.63. Roll call vote: Ayes – Halvorson, Hallberg, Carroll, Echard. Nay – Muehlbauer. Motion carried.

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

Harold W. Brooks, Mayor

Attest:

Lynette L. Sander
City Administrator