

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
(RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 16, 2016)
MARCH 9, 2016 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 9, 2016** at City Hall with Mayor Brooks presiding. The meeting was rescheduled from the regular third Wednesday to accommodate budget filing deadlines. 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.

Carroll moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) February 17, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes c) Bills and Claims as presented – Expenditures: City- \$160,039.91, Revenues - \$66,339.82 d) Treasurer’s Report for February, 2016 e) Liquor License Renewals – McGregor Marina, Boatels, Beer and Brats. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: None

Police report – Officer McNett has begun academy training. Operations report – FEMA project is underway. Tree cutting is occurring at this time.

Mayor Brooks opened a scheduled public hearing to take comments regarding the proposed 2016-2017 budget. Jean Erickson asked the council if the park board budget was \$10,000 as they had requested during budget preparation. She referenced previous year expenditures for parks. Sander explained that the \$10,000 budget request came from the park board and included projects they would like to complete. In addition to projects the city budgets for park expenditures such as wages, grounds maintenance, forestry, supplies, etc that the board does not include in their request. Amendments are completed when additional expenditures occur that were not included during budget planning. No comments were received at city hall or by any of the council members. Mayor Brooks closed the public hearing.

Mayor Brooks opened a scheduled public hearing to take comments regarding the proposed 2015-2016 budget amendment. A list of items included in the amendment was read by the Mayor. No comments were received at the hearing nor by council or city hall. The hearing was closed.

Council discussed nuisance abatements and determined that they would each bring a list of the top five nuisances to the April council meeting. At that time they will select the priority properties that will receive letters with a time line for cleaning up the described nuisance prior to initiating formal abatement proceedings. Attorney Schuster explained the franchise renewal with Mediacom is now completed through state franchising but that the city will still receive the franchise fee. This is a result of a 2007 law which establishes the process for franchise renewal.

Attorney Schuster informed the council of right of way issues that have been of concern along River Street adjacent to the Riverview and northward that must be resolved before sale of the

property occurs. A recent meeting with the DOT resulted in a shared interest in correcting the situation. Mr. Schuster had discussed easement requirements for MMU for the utility poles located along the highway which were addressed at a recent board meeting. A letter from the board indicated they would like to have an 8 foot easement. A letter from Jim Garrett, attorney for the Trudos, included a request to allow a three foot easement. Discussion concluded that eight foot was not feasible given the congested area and that three feet is more near to what already exists. Some of the poles or guy wires already stand on Trudo property with no easement in place, so an agreement would also clear up this situation as well. Council directed Mr. Schuster to prepare a response so that the matter could continue towards resolution.

Sander informed the council of a request made by Laura Carlson to consider constructing sidewalk along the upper end of Garnavillo. The current sidewalk only runs to the end of the Wall property, which would require approximately 850 feet of new sidewalk. Some discussion had taken place with HR Green and Carol Tomb, project coordinator for the FEMA project to see if the area that is being tubed and leveled might be used to add a limestone path. Preliminary discussions didn't sound favorable and would most likely be best to wait until the project was completed. Council consensus was to table the discussion to see what the end result in that area was and if it would be a feasible location for a path, or if just having it leveled and seeded might provide sufficient area for walking off of the street.

Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 01-03-2016 Approving the 2016-2017 Budget with levy of 14.08811 per thousand. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 02-03-2016 Approving the 2015-2016 Budget Amendment. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 03-03-2016 Approving Records Retention Policy in accordance with 372.13 of Iowa Code. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to grant the Exclusive Right to Sell Ohmer and RWW II city owned lots through March 9, 2017. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to approve the following projects for completion in the 2015-2016 budget: Mower purchase – Skag Diesel from J & J Equipment & Sales, \$15,329, Turner Park concrete work – ADA sidewalks, path connections, patio extension, \$7,776.00 Meyer Concrete, Concession stand road and city hall roof, \$8,260.00. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the following projects for completion in the 2016-2017 budget: Replace library windows - \$5,072.00 – La Crosse Glass, Main St Manhole 6th-7th St. \$4,955.00 Vorwald Enterprises, eliminate lift station #4 River Rd - \$5,119.00, Vorwald Enterprises. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Council requested additional information on the post office alley replacement.

Quotes for replacement of the end loader were reviewed and the trade in allowances offered for the city's 2001 end loader. A snow wing was included for consideration as a separate item. Sander requested a revised lease schedule for six years. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to schedule a public hearing for April 20, 2016 at 6:30 to take comments regarding purchase of the 2016 Cat 926M with snow wing and financing of \$139,250.00. Roll call vote – Ayes –all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to suspend alternate side parking in all winter parking areas and to place the hoods over the signs on Main Street effective March 31 through November 1. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Council reviewed a preliminary

cost estimate for lining the sewer main on Walton Ave. This is an option for sewer lines that are in relatively good condition. Council asked to see information regarding the process and to obtain two more estimates to consider for a future budget. A Build with Bags grant application was provided to the council. The grant request is for \$2,000 towards the purchase of nine recycled picnic tables for Turner Park. Total cost for the nine tables is \$5,290.00. Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve submission of the grant application. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Councilman Carroll expressed his disappointment that Trilogy Partners LLC had initiated litigation against the City and the Planning and Zoning Commission to overturn the decision to deny the rezoning application for the former Holiday Shores property to W-2 Waterfront Mixed Use.

Sander asked the elected officials to attend several meetings of interest being held in the next few weeks. A sandwich board from the Christian Science Church (current city hall) and a Christian Science Sentinel that have been in the basement of the city hall will be donated to the museum for preservation. An updated project planning worksheet and completed project list was provided. Library Board will be meeting with IPAIT representative on March 17 at 1:30 to consider possible investments for the library trust.

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

Harold W. Brooks, Mayor

Attest:

Lynette L. Sander
City Administrator