

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

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

Echard moved, seconded by Carroll to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) March 9, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes c) Bills and Claims as presented for period March 10, 2016 through April 20, 2016 Expenditures: City- 249,093.41, Revenues - \$441,487.98 d) Treasurer's Report for March, 2016 e) Liquor License Renewals – Uncle Sam's Saloon and By the Spoonful. Roll call vote: Ayes – Carroll, Hallberg, Echard, Muehlbauer. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: Linda Boeke asked that the council continue to consider doing work on the storm sewer inlet located on A Street adjacent to the Horsfield property. The inlet is undersized and does not handle the water in a heavy rain event. Mayor Brooks informed her that this has been looked into and will be addressed as funding becomes available. Halvorson joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Police report – No officer was in attendance. Operations report – Pat Jones was present as interim Superintendent. Turner Park playground has been completed. Basic Wastewater Operator course was completed and the certificate of eligibility to take the Wastewater I test is pending. As soon as that is received the test can be scheduled. The clerk requested council permission to pay out the travel time of 13 hours to and from Ankeny for the two trips made. Council was in agreement to just pay it out now rather than bank as comp.

Carolyn Gallagher, director of the chamber, was present to provide a quarterly report. The arts and crafts event currently has 27 vendors with many of the regular vendors yet to register. Several bus tours are booked. Maggie Schultz will be offering primitive camping and B & B at their property. Marquette will resume their funding of \$8,000 to the chamber, the same amount that had been funded prior to leaving the chamber. Lazy River planning is also underway. She has placed available business properties on free sights to help promote their sale. Several ventures are in the works. Halvorson asked what the chamber is doing in the area of business development for existing businesses. Mayor Brooks asked if the city's economic development committee and the director and one or two of the chamber members could schedule a meeting in the near future. Available dates will be sent out to set up a meeting.

The council considered a recommendation sent from the dock commission to allow Robert Vavra, operator of the Maiden Voyage, to lease space for his "sucker shack" at the same rental fee per foot as the others who have a space on the city docking area. The boat will provide space for food preparation for his catered river tours and be his loading area for passengers. He will sell T-shirts and other souvenirs for those who take the riverboat tour. The boat will be docked adjacent to the shoreline on the inside of the public dock location and will not take up any of the public docking space that is available. He is in the process of obtaining all the necessary

clearances and licensing for the boat. Mayor Brooks expressed his support for the venture. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the dock commission request to lease the space to Mr. Vavra at the same lease rate as all others who rent space. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

The council discussed the purchase of a new end loader to replace the 2001 Case. Several options on the Cat 926M were presented in a spread sheet which included without a wing, two different wing options and extended lease period. Carroll asked for more information on all of the tasks that the loader was used for. Snow removal, moving the docks in and out, brush and debris handling, storm and flood clean up, loading sand, gravel and other materials were some of the uses. He questioned whether a new loader was needed at this time. Council further discussed the wing usage and determined they would not be interested in adding that attachment. The consensus of the majority of the council was that the loader should be replaced now while the trade in allowance is still good. Attorney Schuster had not prepared the hearing notice yet, so council directed the clerk to have the necessary documents to have on the agenda of the special meeting to schedule a hearing for May regular meeting. Sander explained that there had been some interest from another city in purchase of the loader. A price range was given by the dealer if that was being considered. Council had concerns about selling the unit in as-is condition to a neighboring city with the possibility that there may be problems arise with the machine. If this is to be done an ad would need to be placed for sealed bids. Council felt trading the loader was the best option in this instance.

Mayor, council and administrator presented the nuisance lists that they had compiled. The council directed the clerk to work with the city attorney to prepare notices regarding the nuisances and what was cited. Most required only clearing and removal of junk, but several included removal of dilapidated structures or repair. The list of properties cited is available at city hall. Previous communication regarding sale of multiple lots in Ohmer Ridge to one owner was provided to the council. Some interest has again been expressed by a potential buyer wishing to build a larger home. An offer will need to be presented to the council for consideration before further action can be taken.

Halvorson moved seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 01-04-2016 Approving Disposal of an Interest in Real Property – (A portion of C-Street a/k/a Point Anne Lane) for the fair market value of \$14,000 plus all associated costs to Paul and Joan Burns. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the first reading of Ordinance 04-01-2016 Providing for the Vacation of a Public Way – a portion of C-Street, a/k/a Point Anne Lane. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to waive the three reading requirement of the ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes – Hallberg, Halvorson, Muehlbauer, and Echard. Nays – Carroll. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve final passage of Ordinance 04-01-2016 Providing for Vacation of a Portion of C-Street – Point Anne Lane. Roll call vote: Ayes – Echard, Muehlbauer, Halvorson, and Hallberg. Nays – Carroll. Ordinance is effective upon publication.

Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 02-04-2016 RE: Completion of Construction Ohmer Ridge Subdivision – Roland Clinton. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 03-04-2016 Appointing Jerry

Thornton as Representative and Tom Sauer as Alternate Representative for the E-911 Service Board. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 04-04-2016 to Dissolve the Clayton County Communications Board. Roll call vote: Ayes – All. Motion carried.

Sander informed the mayor and council that CDBG grant administrator had sent an email to indicate there are no additional CDBG Hazard Mitigation match grant funds available to assist with the FEMA project. The total project budget has increased since the match funds were awarded and was part of the 2008 Disaster. The match grant supplemented the funding by absorbing the local match as well as the state. The administrator is verifying with the State what state funds will be paid and the portion of local match that is covered so the amount still needed can be determined. Mayor Brooks had previously suggested that if there are any smaller storm sewer projects that need to be completed that some additional funds be borrowed. Council was in agreement with that depending on the final number. Projects to consider were the storm sewer inlet on A-Street in front of Horsfield's, the sink hole that has formed along the main storm sewer channel behind Doug Farley and some catch up work with the main storm sewer channel. The discussion will continue at the upcoming special meeting.

The personnel committee, mayor and administrator met briefly prior to the meeting to plan a timeline for hiring. Applications will be accepted until Friday, April 22 and will be delivered to the interview committee members. Interviews will be scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> with the committee preparing their recommendation for hiring for a special meeting to be held on Monday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. Both Street Superintendent/Wastewater Operator and Wastewater Operator/Street maintenance positions have been posted to accommodate the potential for internal hiring.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the IDOT Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities for the term July 1, 2016 – June 20, 2021. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Pay Request #1 – Fema Storm Water Control Project – Pirc Tobin in the amount of \$182,041.37. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. The invoice has been submitted for advance to FEMA and CDBG.

Council reviewed a use of city property request from the McGregor Achievement Club for the Car Cruise for from Friday, July 15 mid morning until 3:00 p.m. Saturday July 16. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to grant the street closure for one block of A Street adjacent to Triangle Park, all of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and the 1<sup>st</sup> St. Parking Lot. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Echard asked that the barricades be taken down and set aside at the end of the car cruise to allow parking again around Triangle Park. A request for a \$50 sponsorship fee for the Car Cruise was reviewed. The city currently provides street sweeping of the parking lot and 1<sup>st</sup> St., picnic tables, garbage totes and one portable toilet. Following some discussion, the mayor and council added to their current sponsorship the addition of a second toilet that the city will pay for at a cost of \$60.

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

Harold W. Brooks, Mayor

Attest:

Lynette L. Sander  
City Administrator