

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2016 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 18, 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. Halvorson joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Carroll moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) April 20, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes and Special Meeting minutes May 2, 2016 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period April 21, 2016 through May 18, 2016 Expenditures: City- \$701,769.04, Revenues - \$374,361.12 d) Treasurer's Report for April, 2016 e) Liquor License Renewals – Riverview and AMVETS Pocket City Post #267. f) Cigarette permit renewal – Kwik Star. Roll call vote: Ayes – All. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: Robert Wiemerslage passed along to the council his appreciation of the work that the FEMA contractor, Pirc-Tobin, has done during the project. He complimented them on their attention to keeping the street as clean as possible during and at the end of the day.

Sallee Scarff Muehlbauer was in attendance to request council permission to put a “street piano” at Triangle Park. She shared information about the concept from other communities who are providing this unique experience in their downtowns. The park board had discussed the request at their meeting on May 17 and were open to allowing use of the cement pad at the front of Triangle Park where there are currently small benches. The board stated that she would need to understand that any damages that might result would have to be at her own risk and cost to repair. The piano would be covered when not in use and that would require some volunteer assistance to accomplish. Hallberg moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to allow the street piano placement at Triangle Park with the agreement that Ms. Muehlbauer would have to sign a waiver regarding personal responsibility for any damage to the piano. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve a permit for use of city property for the spring art festival and the elephant and pony rides with the understanding the certificate of insurance from the animal handlers would need to be provided in advance of the dates of use. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve use of city property permit for the Hole in the Sock Gang for the 4th Saturday of the month June – October. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the first draft of an agreement for boundary line adjustment for ROW issues related to the Trudo property. Mr Garrett, attorney for the Trudos, will be sending a map showing the proposed boundary adjustments. MMU offered their concern regarding some of the language related to future burying of power lines. A revised draft will be brought to the next meeting for council consideration.

At the direction of the council borrowing options for the storm sewer project and several smaller storm sewer projects had been researched. The bonding attorney provided a timeline for the process to finalize any borrowing which would require a minimum of two and one half months from setting the public hearing, holding the hearing to closing on the loan. Local rates available were 2.35% at Central State Bank and 2.55% at Interstate Federal Savings and Loan. Repayment loan schedules were verified for three or four year terms. To date no change orders have taken place, although some minor ones are anticipated soon. Council asked the clerk to check with HR Green regarding cost to engineer the inlet structure on A- Street near Horsefield's and sink holes along the storm sewer channel so that cost estimates on those repairs and the engineering could be taken into consideration along with FEMA shortfalls for the loan.

A letter from the McGregor Historic Preservation Commission was reviewed which gave the 2016 goals and priorities for preservation in McGregor. MHPC goals include a focus on the Sullivan Opera House and asked that council submit a notice of intent to engage with the Clayton County Brownfield Redevelopment program to gain assistance with this project. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 05-05-2016 to Submit a Notice of Intent to Engage to the Clayton County Brownfield program for assistance with the opera house. Roll call vote: Ayes – All. Motion carried.

Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 02-05-2016 Authorizing Collection of Bills Owed to the City – Tax Lien. Roll call vote: Ayes – All. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve Resolution 03-05-2016 Approving Transfer of Funds for Sewer Bond Debt Service in the amount of \$49,808.75. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 04-05-2016 Authorizing Mayor to Sign USFWS Special Use Permit for No-wake buoy placement on the Mississippi River. The permit will be valid for three years through May 2019. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Council discussed two quotes obtained from consultants who prepare hotel/motel studies. Opinions were mixed as to whether or not it would be in the best interest of the community to proceed with a study at this time while there is litigation pending with Trilogy Partners LLC over the decision to deny the zoning change to allow construction of condominiums. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to contract with Hospitality Consulting Group for a not to exceed amount of \$7,500. Roll call vote: Ayes – Hallberg, Halvorson, Muehlbauer. Nays – Carroll, Echard. Motion carried.

Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Pay Request No. 2 – FEMA Stormwater Control Project – Pirc-Tobin in the amount of \$298,582.60. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. No information was available for selection of the audit firm for the 2016 fiscal year. A single audit will be necessary due to receipt of federal funds of over \$750,000. RFPs have been sent to other firms.

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