

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2016 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 19, 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, Echard, Muehlbauer, Carroll and Halvorson.

Carroll moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes September 21, 2016 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period September 22, 2016 through October 19, 2016 Expenditures: City- \$275,074.78, Library – \$799.27, Revenues - \$849,620.01 d) Treasurer’s Report for September, 2016 e) Appointment – Planning and Zoning Commission – Randy Gohde – Terms ending 10-26-2021 f) Liquor License Renewal– Kwik Star. Roll call vote: Ayes – All. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: No comments received.

Police Report: Pill drop off will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016. Bring unused medications to the police department for disposal from 10 a.m. – noon. Chief Bogdonovich also reminded residents to leave their porch lights on Monday, October 31 if they would like to have children visit for trick or treat.

Operations Report: The concrete has been replaced on the Walton storm sewer inlet, colored concrete areas have been sealed, an estimate is forthcoming on repairs to the pedestrian bridge needed after erosion from a recent storm, estimates are being gathered for logging the Slaughter dam, a list of unused items is being put together to offer for public bids, several areas of sidewalk will be lifted this week, repair or replacement quotes will be sought for the small dump truck, city will discuss a corner marker that was said to have been removed during the joint county/city ditch clearing near Adam Meana.

Mayor Brooks opened a scheduled public hearing to take comments regarding a request to purchase property made by Pat and Julie Mullarkey. No comments had been received at city hall or by mayor or council members. No comments were given at the meeting and the mayor closed the hearing.

The council was provided a quarterly compliance report from the Chamber of Commerce. Carolyn Gallagher, Executive Director, has tendered her resignation due to relocation for her husband’s employment. Chamber President, Anne Kruse, sent a copy of the job description for the mayor and council to review and provide any comments or suggestions. The current job description is being updated for distribution to applicants for the position. Any comments should be sent to the clerk by Monday, October 24. A copy of the resolution with language about how hotel motel tax funds are to be spent was also provided. Steve Funk was present to request the use permit for the smoking enclosure and trash receptacle be modified to allow use of the front door. Halvorson asked that if the modification is allowed that he closely monitor the cleanliness of the sidewalk in front of his building as smokers tend to throw cigarette butts into the street and on the sidewalk. Council asked the attorney to revise the resolution and permit to remove the restriction that the front door not be used. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to

approve Resolution 03-10-2016 Authorizing Agreement for Boundary Line Adjustment – Trudo ROW matter. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. The survey and legal descriptions will be forth coming so disposal proceedings can take place. Council considered proposed revisions to the boathouse permit that the Dock Commission members had recommended for approval. The revisions were necessary to address the placement of the new walkway which the boathouses are now tied to instead of the shoreline. Commissioner Corpian stated the dock commission had met, revised the first draft that was prepared by Attorney Schuster and approved recommendation for approval by the council. Echard moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 04-10-2016 Approving Dock Commission Boat House Permit. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 05-10-2016 Approving the Annual Urban Renewal Report. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

The status of nuisance violations was discussed. Work has been completed on the Bunge lot. Council will need to visit to determine if the work completed is satisfactory. Margie Burr has been contacted on multiple occasions with little effort being made. Council asked that the attorney continue to contact her and provide them with a status report. No response from Knapp Trailer Park. A proposed plan of work was received from Dan Gingerich. Scrap is to be hauled the week of the 17th and two sheds roofed and sided and other repairs completed during November. A draft letter prepared by the attorney for C-2 property owners was reviewed by the council. The council felt the content was adequate and asked it be finalized and sent to the clerk to prepare letters for the mayor to sign and send to all properties. The clerk added that HPC felt it would also be a good idea to include the zoning ordinance for C-2, sign ordinance and permits.

There was further discussion regarding the parking ordinance and whether any revisions are necessary to address truck and trailer parking on the street. Chief Bogdonovich will get a copy of the Marquette ordinance which he feels contains more enforceable language. The council reviewed recommended permit fees related to construction and authorized the city attorney to prepare the necessary documents for the ordinance revision so that it can be considered for approval at the November meeting.

Echard move, seconded by Halvorson to approve Change Order # 5 FEMA Stormwater Control Project – in the amount of \$3,037.50. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Pay request # 7 – FEMA Stormwater Control Project – Pirc-Tobin in the amount of \$225,052.03. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Council considered a quote for foam insulation of the main city shop. Two inch and three inch thickness was provided and fire retardant paint. The cost will be shared by city/mmu/and county. Echard moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve the city's 40% share up to \$4,752 towards the project. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Carroll to approve the quote from Mississippi Valley Pump to rebuild a sewer pump in the amount of \$5,755. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. An annual service contract proposal and a cost estimate for some additional work that would make the lift station operate more efficiently is also being prepared.

Health insurance renewal quotes were reviewed. The current Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield policy shows an 8% increase. An alternate plan, Enhanced Blue \$1,250 Gold would provide the same coverage except a higher \$1,250 deductible and would be a 3% decrease over the current policy. Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve the Enhanced Blue \$1,250 Wellmark

plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. The clerk informed the council about the Hometown Pride Coach meetings that she has attended over the past few months. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 25 at 10 a.m. at the Marquette City Hall. A couple of council members expressed interest in attending to learn more about it, but the sentiment seemed to be that it may not be an effective process. Council set Halloween Trick or Treat hours for Monday, October 31 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Further discussion took place regarding a city deer hunt. Pikes Peak Park is not ready to commit to re-opening the managed hunt at this time. Council is aware of the deer problem within the city from both seeing the deer and receiving comments from residents regarding the damages that the deer are causing. Mayor Brooks encouraged people to contact Pikes Peak with their concerns because until the state ground in and adjacent to the city limits is opened up to hunting the city hunt most likely will not be successful. Most yards are too small to be able to meet the minimum distance from a building requirement and deer would have protection from being hunted once on the state ground.

Winter parking regulations will resume on November 1 and run through March 31. Street crews will remove the “enjoy McGregor” hoods from the alternate parking signs. MMU is working on a grant for Christmas decorations. The total grant is for a project up to \$2,400. MMU has quotes for replacement bulbs for the wreaths and pole garland which would leave about \$1,606 to spend with a 50% match required. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve a cost share of up to \$803 to purchase new bows for the pole decorations and perhaps a Christmas tree for the park. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation where disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in litigation. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. The council entered closed session at 8:39 p.m. The council re-entered open session at 9:02 p.m.

During closed session, Attorney Natalie Burris, representing the city noted that Trilogy once again asked if the city is interested in purchasing the former Holiday Shores property for the amount of \$1,050,000 as it had been offered following the rezoning decision. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard that the city decline Trilogy’s offer. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to appoint Mayor Brooks to represent the city council and Lynette Sander to represent the Planning and Zoning Commission throughout the duration of trial Clayton County Case # CVCV010162. Roll call vote – Ayes – all. Motion carried.

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

Harold W. Brooks
Mayor

Attest:

Lynette L. Sander
City Administrator