

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2017 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 20, 2017** 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: Muehlbauer, Carroll, Echard, Hallberg, and Halvorson.

Echard moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes November 15, 2017 and Special Meeting Minutes December 12, 2017 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period November 16, 2017 through December 20, 2017 City- \$87,795.25 Library – \$1,064.79, November Revenues - \$145,508.72 d) Treasurer's Report for November, 2017 e) Board Appointments Dock Commission – Cathy Corpian, William Bennett Terms Ending 12-31-2020, Park Board – Maria Brummel, Ryan Koeller, Bonnie Troester – Terms Ending 12-31-2020, MMU – Tammy Kinley – Term Ending 12-31-2023 f) Mayor Committee Appointments. Roll call vote: Ayes – All. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: Dan Stelplflug was present to request the city purchase back Lot 19 of Ohmer Subdivision that he had purchased several years prior. His intent was to have built a home but circumstances changed that did not require he move from his current location. Mayor Brooks directed the issue to the city attorney.

Police report: No officer was in attendance.

Operations report: Pat Jones informed the council they have been doing inspections and service work on the dump trucks and general preparation for snow.

Mayor Brooks opened a scheduled public hearing to take comments regarding Resolution 08-11-2017 Proposing Disposal of an Interest in Real Property in the Form of an Amendment to the Emergency Evacuation Easement Agreement. No comments had been received at city hall regarding the Disposal and no comments were provided at the hearing. The hearing was closed. Carroll moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 03-12-2017 Authorizing Disposal of an Interest in Real Property in the Form of an Amendment to the Emergency Evacuation Easement Agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 04-12-2017 Declaring Its Intent to Support and Work With the Northeast Iowa Housing 360 Initiative and to designate Duane Boelman and Mark Groom as representatives for the program. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve Resolution 05-12-2017 Awarding Contract for FEMA Disaster #4334 Debris Removal with Thornton Transportation in the amount of \$56,300. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve Resolution 06-12-2017 Amending Employment and Benefits Policy Handbook. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 07-12-2017 Authorizing Grant for Scholarships to Attend the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Change Order #1 for the 4th St. Box Culvert Project in the amount of \$3,430.50. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to approve Final Pay Request for 4th St. Box Culvert project to Progressive Structures in the amount of \$14,731.67. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Mayor Brooks, Councilman Echard, Street Super Pat Jones and City Administrator Lynette Sander attended the Clayton County Board of Supervisors meeting on December 18 to address concerns over charges for sand and salt. There had been no cost until the last couple years when the engineer informed the city that they would no longer provide the salt and sand to McGregor. Several other communities are receiving salt and sand at no cost because as stated by the engineer, “they don’t use much sand and salt”. The county uses the city loader to fill their sand truck and the city is putting sand on Eagle Drive and Cemetery Rd, both county roads. The city felt there was no allowance for equipment use or the sand put on county roads. There was no resolution to the matter at the county meeting, however, Mayor Brooks did receive an email from them later on the 18th with the proposal that city would pay for sand and salt at regular price and county would take over the maintenance of both of the county roads currently done by the city. Carroll asked if the county could use the city loader this year since the city paid for the sand at a discounted cost. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to agree to the county’s proposal with Cemetery Rd, 138th, and Eagle Dr. from the cemetery to Highway 18 to be maintained by the county. Roll call vote: Ayes – Halvorson, Muehlbauer, Hallberg, and Echard. Nays: Carroll. Motion carried.

The council considered a request made by the pharmacy to designate one parking space in front of the pharmacy as short term parking only during the day. Although sympathetic to the concerns of the pharmacy, the council expressed what the result would be and that is that every other business would have the same concern and expect a similar arrangement in front of their businesses. Council asked that the chamber work on a campaign with the businesses to make everyone understand the importance of owners and employees parking in parking lots provided. It has been especially difficult this summer with dumpsters and contractor vehicles taking up much needed parking spaces on Main Street. Sander provided the budget schedule. The changes will be that the budget workshop will be held on January 31 and the March meeting will be moved to March 12 to accommodate the filing deadline.

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

Harold W. Brooks
Mayor

Attest:

City Administrator