

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 2022 6:00 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, August 17, 2022** at City Hall with Mayor Troester presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members in attendance: Echard, Hallberg, Schneider, Wild, and Carroll.

Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve the Consent Agenda a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes July 20, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes August 9, 2022 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period July 21, 2022 through August 17, 2022 - City- \$187,155.31, Library - \$2,111.67, July 2022 Revenues - \$94,557.39, July Expenses - \$144,300.34 d) Treasurer's Report for July 2022 e) Liquor License renewals – Steve's Silver Dollar, Backwoods. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of delegations: No comments heard.

Alex Jaromin, Davy Engineering was present to provide updates on the lift station, main street, WWTP controls, and WWTP screen and generator projects. The Phase I survey for the lift station is nearing the end of the 30-day comment period after which work may begin. A pay request has been submitted for stockpiled equipment. Change order #2 will be submitted in September which will include revised start and completion dates and any project cost changes. October 3 is the tentative start date with a February 1 date for substantial completion. The Phase I Survey for the main street project field work has been completed. The contractor is currently preparing the report for submission to SRF and SHPO. It is unknown when the approvals will be finalized and there are potentially areas which will be required to have additional monitoring during excavation. Hallberg moved, seconded by Schneider to approve Pay Request #1 -Lift Station Project – Boomerang - \$64,939.94. Ayes – all. Motion carried. The engineering agreement for the influent screen/generator project was discussed. The screen had originally been included in the main street project but was omitted from bidding along with the lift station and controls to be able to apply for additional grant funding. The contract bid is for a total of \$146,000. The design portion of the engineering, \$41,000, was already expended in conjunction with the main street design. Echard moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the engineering agreement with Davy Engineering for the influent screen/generator project for a total of \$146,000. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Wild to approve a contract for \$3,000 with UERPC to prepare an application for CDBG Water/Sewer grant and environmental assessment for the WWTP influent screen/generator. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Carroll to set a public hearing date for September 21, 2022- for 2022 CDBG Water/Sewer Application. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Wild moved, seconded by Schneider to approve Resolution 02-08-2022 to Provide a Notice of Hearing on Proposed Plans, Specification, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the WWTP SBR Controls Upgrade Project and the Taking of Bids therefor. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 03-08-2022 Approving FY 2022 Street Finance Report. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Wild moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 04-08-2022 Proposing the Vacation and Disposal of a Public Way (Second Street in James McGregor Jr's Addition) and Setting a Public Hearing Date – September 21, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Burton Walters was present and expressed his opposition to the proposed vacation stating the street is where the garbage truck and snow plows, as well as wayward vehicles with campers thinking they are going to Pikes Peak, turn around. He also cited the potential of someday reconstructing the foot bridge that was previously in that location and destroyed by the tornado. These comments will be noted at the hearing. Hallberg moved, seconded by Wild to approve Resolution 05-08-2022 Amending the Employment and Benefits Policy Handbook. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Wild moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve a request for a Business Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$4,500 towards a \$9,000 project for storm doors and windows at Rivertown Fine Books. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. To date, 16 grants have assisted with improvements totaling \$133,380.74. There is still funding remaining for at least four more grants. Annual health insurance renewal was considered. The current insurance is through United Health Care with a renewal plan option showing a 12% increase. Wellmark options were also provided with up to a 10.2 % increase over current rate, however, the deductibles made them less desirable plans. Schneider moved, seconded by Echard to approve renewal with United Health Care plan CO8Y w/K35Y. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Schneider to approve a bid for \$6,000 for construction of a sidewalk adjacent to the floodwall by MMU to connect the 1<sup>st</sup> St. lot to the alley behind the post office. This project has been discussed to improve access to the post office during next year's main street construction. Roll call vote: Ayes – Carroll, Schneider, Wild, Hallberg. Nays: Echard. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Wild to approve a pledge of \$5,000 to Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund (NEIRHTF) for 2023. The amount had been included in budget discussions. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. Motion carried. Council considered four quotes for LP for the upcoming heating season. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve the quote from Consolidated Energy Co for \$1.69 per gallon for 9,000 gallons. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hallberg moved, seconded by Carroll to approve the first reading of Ordinance 08-01-2022 Amending Chapter 160 McGregor Code of Ordinances Collection of Solid Waste Setting Collection Fees. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Wild to waive the three-reading requirement. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Wild to approve final passage of Ordinance 08-01-2022 Amending Chapter 160 Setting Solid Waste Collection Fees. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve the first reading of Ordinance 08-02-2022 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of McGregor Amending Provisions Pertaining to All-Terrain Vehicles. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to waive the three-reading requirement. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve final passage of Ordinance 08-02-2022 Amending Provisions Pertaining to All Terrain Vehicles. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve the first reading of Ordinance 08-03-2022 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Alcoholic Beverage Control. Roll call vote: Ayes – all.

Motion carried. Schneider moved, seconded by Wild to waive the three-reading requirement. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Schneider moved, seconded by Wild to approve final passage of Ordinance 08-03-2022 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Alcoholic Beverage Control. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. All ordinances are effective upon publication as required.

Council reviewed status of nuisance properties and authorizes the city attorney to continue with the process for those already in progress and to pursue Gingerich and Reinhart as discussed at a previous meeting. Carroll moved, seconded by Schneider to approve the use of city property request for the Fireman’s Fish Fry. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Mayor Troester discussed the recent hiring process for the Economic Development Lead/ Deputy Clerk position. Three candidates were interviewed, all highly qualified for the position. The personnel committee prepared an offer of employment for council consideration. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to make the offer of employment to candidate #3 starting at \$17.00 per hour part time until Boelman’s retirement then going to full time at \$17.39 per hour. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Chief Millin discussed the monthly report noting there has been an 18% increase in calls for service over this time last year. He reported that he has completed the 40 hour Crisis Intervention Training Certification course. The remaining officers of the department will take the course in May. With this training, the Mar Mac PD will be the only agency in Clayton County certified in Crisis Intervention. The chief discussed research he has done into the cost of a security system for public spaces in both McGregor and Marquette. Initial review of the areas under consideration for cameras would install the antenna at the library with a camera at the same location, one in triangle park and three near the riverfront. Another possible location for the antenna may be at the 1<sup>st</sup> st parking lot. The system would provide the opportunity to offer public wifi. Council discussed pros and cons of surveillance and asked that the chief look into this further. The chief indicated he would like to look at this for next fiscal year to allow time to apply for some grant funds.

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

Lyle J. Troester  
Mayor

Attest:

Lynette L. McManus  
City Administrator