

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2018 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 17, 2018** at City Hall with Mayor Lyle Troester presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Troester led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present: Echard, Halvorson, Muehlbauer, Carroll, and Hallberg.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes September 19, 2018 with minor correction c) Bills and Claims as presented for period September 20, 2018 through October 17, 2018 City- \$101,824.28, Library - \$1,274.00, September 2018 Revenues - \$147,460.62 September 2018 Expenses - \$84,852.27 d) Treasurer's Report for September, 2018 e) Liquor License Renewal – Kwik Star f) Board Appointments – Tree Board– Maria Brummel and Morris Weller – Terms Ending 11-15-2021, Planning and Zoning Commission – Bart Knight – Term Ending 10-26-2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – All. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: Charlene Palucci thanked Public Works Director, Ren Pape, for installing a dog pot bag station at the Bluff Garden.

Police report – Mayor Troester welcomed the new Chief of Police, Robert Millin. The Chief provided the mayor and council with reporting that he intends to include in monthly packets showing calls for service in McGregor. He will be in the position full time as of October 22, 2018.

Operations report – Ren Pape, Public Works Director, informed the council that the month has been spent battling the excessive rain. Lift station improvements submitted to the DNR must have an engineer sign off before the DNR will approve. The new truck will be picked up this week. Snow equipment will be prepped.

The council considered an offer from Roland and Marguerite Clinton to purchase Lot 5 of Ohmer Subdivision. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to accept the offer to purchase Lot 5, Ohmer Ridge, for \$4,000. Roll call vote: Ayes – Carroll, Halvorson, Echard, Hallberg. Nays – Muehlbauer. Motion carried.

A request from the Art Center for assistance with installation of a check valve on their sewer line was discussed. Louis and Jennifer White were in attendance and asked to share photos of the problems that they are experiencing from the Art Center sump pipe outlet. Photos showed missing bricks and water making its way into the Paper Moon building along the foundation. They expressed their frustration that repairs aren't being made to address the problem and asked if this was the city's issue. Attorney Schuster explained that this is a neighbor to neighbor problem and one that the city is not involved in. Mrs. White explained that when the main street beautification project was under construction property owners were given the opportunity to run their outlet pipes under the sidewalk. The owners of the Art Center at that time chose not to. Mayor Troester recommended the topic be tabled to determine if this is the best solution.

Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to table the request for further investigation. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Marquette Mayor Steve Weipert addressed the council to request their permission to access Eagle Drive from the evacuation route for a disaster trial run from the bench. The activity would happen on Wednesday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m.. Residents from Marquette will have the opportunity to drive the evacuation route one way. He also invited any McGregor officials interested in seeing the road to take a trial run. The fire department will be assisting with the drill. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve allowing access to Eagle Drive for the drill. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Resolution 01-10-2018 Authorizing Termination of the Temporary Use Permit in RE: Portion of Lot Five (5) of Block Six (6) (Sullivan Opera House). Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Notice will be mailed to EVD Enterprises giving 30 days to relinquish use of the property. Council discussed issues with repairs needed on a private sewer line at 417 C. Street. The owners have been provided notices to correct the issue and the Code allows the City Council to order repairs if the owner fails to do the work with the cost being assessed as a lien through property tax. A retaining wall lies over the line making the costs higher than a normal sewer service repair. Echard moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 02-10-2018 Authorizing Entering into an Agreement to Repair a Private Sewer Service Line and Assess the Costs as a Special Assessment Tax Lien. Roll call vote: Ayes – Carroll, Echard, Hallberg, Halvorson. Abstained- Muehlbauer. Motion carried. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 03-10-2018 Approving the 2018 Annual Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Resolution 01-09-2018 was brought back to the table for discussion. The disaster loan made available from FEMA may be a forgivable loan if revenues are at or below those projected during the period the funds are available. The funds would remain available for draw through 03/18/2023 with no interest unless the funds are drawn into the city account. Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve Resolution 01-09-2018 Approving FEMA Disaster Loan in an Amount not to Exceed \$400,000. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Winter parking regulations will go back into effect on November 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019. Sign hoods will be removed on November 1 and traffic enforcement will begin. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to set Halloween Trick or Treat hours from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. A quote for mastic patch and crack seal was reviewed. Sander provided the council with the areas selected as top priorities on the list. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve five project areas to include 4th St (2), Center St. (2) and 6th St. for a total cost of \$10,214.59 subject to adjustment for actual feet applied. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Info provided to the council by the city administrator included: Special deer hunt has begun – bow only, McGregor and Pikes Peak, qualifying shoot and special tag required. There are 100 tags available. Currently there are about 20 hunters registered with one deer reported so far. Pedestrian Bridge – justification for higher costs has been sent to FEMA for consideration of a versioned project. At this time it is anticipated that the award of contract will be revisited at the

November meeting. The successful bidder has agreed to a short extension of time to award in hopes that FEMA will have returned a response by then.

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

Lyle J. Troester,
Mayor

Attest:

Lynette L. Sander
City Administrator