

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2021 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 20, 2021** at City Hall with Mayor Lyle Troester presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members attending in person: Scott, Carroll, Halvorson, Echard, and Hallberg. Due to COVID 19 guidelines released by the CDC, and federal and state government the meeting was held electronically to help combat the spread of the virus. Social distancing was in place for those in attendance with public access limited to meet the prescribed guidelines. Public access was provided via Zoom.

Scott moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes December 16, 2020 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period December 17, 2020 through January 20, 2021 - City- \$126,157.98, Library - \$764.41, December 2020 Revenues - \$90,207.97, December, 2020 Expenses - \$99,124.15 d) Treasurer's Report for December, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: No comments heard

Police report: Chief Millin provided council a summary of the annual report for the department. The summary included break down of calls for service, training, new radio and software transitions, as well as activities the department took part in throughout the community.

A public hearing was opened to hear comments related to a proposed W-3 Zoning District. The request had been submitted to Planning and Zoning with their recommendation being to establish this new district. The ordinance to be presented contains contingencies which require the owner of record to approve of the change and that a perpetual easement must be given to the city to allow access to the riverfront. Discussion concluded and the hearing was closed.

A second public hearing was opened to take comments regarding proposed amendment No. 1 to the 2020-2021 budget. No comments were received.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 01-01-2021 Amending Chapter 165, Zoning Ordinance of City of McGregor, to Permit a Manufactured Home Regime. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Scott to waive the three reading requirement of the ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes – Halvorson, Hallberg, Echard, Scott. Nays – Carroll. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Scott to approve final passage of Ordinance 01-01-2021. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. The ordinance contains contingencies that must be met prior to publication and ordinance becoming effective.

Darla Kelchen, Clayton County Development Group, was in attendance to provide council with a summary of activities of the group in promoting the communities, Clayton County and the region. CCDG works collaboratively with communities throughout the county to market the area and to encourage business relocation to Clayton County communities. Halvorson moved, seconded by Scott to approve the 2022 Marketing Campaign Pledge for \$1,000. Roll call vote:

Ayes – all. Motion carried. Budgets requests were provided for the Art Center, Chamber, Library and Clayton County Development for consideration at next week’s budget workshop.

Scott moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 01-01-2021 Approving Amendment No. 1 to the 2020-2021 budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 02-01-2021 Proposing Disposal of Interest in Real Property – Dan Davies access agreement and to set a hearing date for February 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Scott, Carroll, Hallberg. Nays – Halvorson, Echard. Motion carried.

Echard moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve a donation of \$200 to MFL MarMac After Prom. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Council considered a proposal for laptop computers to replace the two desk top computers now in use. Both computers are over 10 years old and memory is insufficient making them sluggish. Three proposals were provided. Echard moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve the purchase of two Toshiba DynaBook Tecra laptops with Wavlink docking station for a cost of \$2,318.86 from SA Computer Solutions. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

The 2022 budget proposal that has been approved by the MarMac Police Dept for submission to the two cities was reviewed. Budget is \$273,874, which is \$234 more than the current budget. The split to the cities is \$136,937 each. Scott moved, seconded by Echard to approve the 2022 police budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Scott moved, seconded by Echard to approve the RFP for the 2021 Annual Examination to submit to the State Auditor and other firms. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Council discussed a proposal from Davy Engineering for work near the railroad crossing. This project is relative to the main street project in that any time federal funding for a road project is received crossings that are adjacent to the project area must be reviewed for safety. A railroad diagnostic meeting with DOT was held and a follow up conference call. The proposed work would alter the location of the crossing pushing it further north, add ADA sidewalks, a retaining wall, and widen the backing area from the parking lot to the boat ramp. Crossing arms are proposed which must be reviewed by the CP Rail. Grant funding may be available and the DOT has given authorization that the project may be completed when funding becomes available. The project can not be included in USDA scope of work. Carroll moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve engineering contract with Davy Engineering in the amount of \$22,000. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

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

Lyle J. Troester, Mayor:

Attest:

Lynette L. McManus, City Administrator