

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2019 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 20, 2019** 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: Muehlbauer, Carroll, Halvorson, Echard, and Hallberg.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes January 16, 2019 and Special Meeting Minutes February 6, 2019 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period January 17, 2019 through, February 20, 2019 - City- \$33,805.38, Library - \$922.44, January 2019 Revenues - \$97,394.44 January 2019 Expenses - \$118,766.58 d) Treasurer's Report for January 2019 e) Liquor License– Kwik Star – Change of Ownership Application. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: No comments were received.

Police Report: Chief Robert Millin provided the council with a report of McGregor calls for service for January and press releases regarding recent activities to include a search warrant, tobacco compliance check, and a head on collision on the bridge. Officer Ploessl is currently taking his first responder training which is required for certification. The Law Enforcement Academy reversed a previous decision and is now willing to accept Ploessl for the Certification Exam. He is scheduled to take the exam in March. Parking citations will continue to be issued as needed to allow snow removal efforts. EMA is researching whether there is a service available to send text alerts when there are snow emergencies and other types of emergencies as one more means for making people aware of events.

Operations report: Mayor Troester thanked the street crews for the hard work of trying to keep streets open through the many back-to-back snow events. He has received numerous compliments from residents. Hallberg stated that a customer purchased a gift card and asked that it be used to buy the crew pizza for lunch for their hard work. Carroll relayed a question as to why they weren't plowing on Sunday. Because it was snowing they chose not to clear – with so much snow they are putting in long hours – and simply can't be out 24 hours a day. It was asked why MMU employees couldn't assist Tom with snow blowing and shoveling when there is so much to keep up with.

The agreement with the IDOT and HR Green Engineering, both related to the 6th St bridge project will be addressed at the March 13 meeting. With no immediate urgency, Sander told the engineer not to make the trip due to the weather conditions. Sander reported that Scott Stanley from Ia Homeland Security had contacted her earlier in the day and requested that the council not make a decision on de-obligating the pedestrian bridge until after FEMA had made a determination. The request is currently going through the queues at FEMA and a decision should be forthcoming. A spreadsheet showing all projects of the 2017 tornado, expenses and reimbursements was provided to the council. Three are closed out, one is in closeout currently and the pedestrian bridge is pending. The contractor will consider honoring her bid at the March

meeting if steel supplier is also willing to wait. If not and the project proceeds it will need to be rebid.

A total of 13 deer were killed in the 2018 city/Pikes Peak managed hunt. Ranger Tschirgie is interested in continuing the hunt this fall. Muehlbauer moved, second by Hallberg to continue the cooperative hunt with Pikes Peak in the fall of 2019. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. The McGregor Historical Society annual report was provided. Carroll asked if the museum would remain open one Saturday per month during off season. Audrey Posten, museum board member, stated that volunteers would be needed to do that as Diane Malcom, who is the museum director, works as a sub and also at their book store. It was suggested that the museum plan to be open during Trader's Jubilee.

Council discussed hosting a shredding event and a monitored electronics pick up (at a cost) during spring clean up. The shredding company will provide the same service as at the past event for the same fee - \$540. Electronics pick up is still being researched. Council was in favor of both in conjunction with the normal spring clean up and asked that full details be brought to the March 13 meeting for approval. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve a temporary use permit for the Hole in the Sock Street Theater summer schedule and for Trader's Jubilee at Backwoods on May 4, 2019. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the proposed budget and levy certification for the 2019-2020 budget. The levy rate proposed is 14.34199 which is less than two cents per thousand increase over current levy. Hallberg moved, seconded by Halvorson to set a public hearing date for March 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to hear comments on the proposed 2019-2020 budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. A proposed amendment for 2018-2019 was presented. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to set a public hearing date for March 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to hear comments on the proposed 2018-2019 Budget Amendment. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Echard to approve contracting with the Office of Auditor of State to complete the annual examination for a fee of \$5,800. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

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

Lyle J. Troester,
Mayor

Attest:

Lynette L. Sander
City Administrator