

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13, 2019 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 13, 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 Echard to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes February 20, 2019 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period February 21, 2019 through March 13, 2019 - City- \$40,035.40, Library - \$783.60, February 2019 Revenues - \$61352.61, February 2019 Expenses - \$49546.96 d) Treasurer's Report for February 2019 e) Liquor License– McGregor Marina Riverfront Gas Dock and Boatels Marina f) Board of Adjustment Appointment – Dan Bickel – Term Ending 03-06-2024 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 February. Officer Ploessl has tendered his resignation to take a job with Crawford County. Interviews for two full time positions will begin on Friday. Updates on the handbook and policy manual were approved at the last meeting. DOT software and access to dispatch records have been secured as modernization of the department continues. STEP will take place on St. Patrick's Day. Operations report: Mayor Troester informed the council that the city crew has been moving snow to allow removal of the Beer and Brats for the impending flood.

Mayor Troester opened a scheduled public hearing to take comments regarding the proposed 2019-2020 budget. No comments were received at the meeting and none were made at city hall. The hearing was closed. A second scheduled public hearing was opened to take comments regarding the proposed budget amendment No. 1 for the 2018-2019 budget. No comments were received at the meeting and none were made at city hall. The hearing was closed. Mayor Troester read a proclamation declaring April as Keep Iowa Beautiful Month and encouraged all to do their part in cleaning up their properties and to pitch in with clean up of the community. He commended those who took the time to pick up litter when they see it. Office staff will be sponsoring several noon walks throughout the month of April to pick up litter along streets, in parks throughout the many neighborhoods of McGregor. Anyone interested in participating may meet at city hall on the planned days which will be posted soon.

Tim Cutsforth, HR Green Engineering, was present to discuss the 6th Street Bridge Grant project. The project does not have to go through DOT bidding, may be done locally, but there will be requirements for historical clearance and additional paperwork involved. The project is expected to be bid in August for fall 2019 completion. A box culvert similar to the 4th street bridge is being designed which will also reduce the angle at which the water flows through the bridge. The grant was for \$250,000, but that amount may go up to \$500,000 with DOT approval prior to any change. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the engineering contract with

HR Green for the 6th Street Bridge Project in the amount of \$90,000. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Muehlbauer, to approve the IDOT 6th Street Bridge Project agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. No additional updates on the pedestrian bridge project except that FEMA had requested some information on several questions. As requested by our project specialist at Homeland Security, a decision on the project will not be made until such time as FEMA has made its determination.

Carroll moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 01-03-2019 Approving the 2019-2020 Budget and Certifying Levy at \$14.34199. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Resolution 02-03-2019 Approving Amendment No. 1 to the 2018-2019 Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Attorney Schuster will be contacting the owners of 417 C street to see if they would sign an agreement for the costs associated with repair of the sewer line. If that doesn't happen he will begin the assessment process which will require a hearing prior to assessing as a tax lien.

Echard moved, seconded by Halvorson to authorize the city clerk to make expenditures for the Pocket Park as needed. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. The majority of the expenses are being reimbursed through the tornado fund and local grants. Hallberg moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve a temporary use permit for the Road Guardians second annual street dance to close off A and First Street on Friday, July 19, 2019 from 3-10 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll asked that both adjacent businesses be notified of the street closures and the events. Echard moved, seconded by Halvorson to set Spring Clean-up date for Monday, April 29, 2019. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to schedule a shredding truck from 10-noon on Saturday, April 27 at Turner Park for residents to be able to have up to three bags of paper materials shredded at no charge. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

A flood meeting was held for the cities of McGregor and Marquette with both mayors, public works and clerks, fire department representatives, Bunge, and MMU employees. A plan to begin sandbagging, setting pumps and construction of temporary berms was discussed. Beer and Brats will be pulling the restaurant prior to 18 feet river stage. Mayor Weipert suggested that there be a main contact and that the city clerks work together to organize materials, locations, times and volunteers. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to approve Pay Request #2 – Loan #5 Owner Occupied Housing Program in the amount of \$8,906 to Meuser Lumber. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

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