

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2021 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 17, 2021** at City Hall with Mayor 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 Halvorson to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes February 17,2021 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period February 18, 2021 through March 17, 2021 - City- \$63,633.89, Library - \$1,041.26, February 2021 Revenues - \$106,027.25, February 2021 Expenses - \$85,911.30 d) Treasurer's Report for February 2021. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: No comments heard

Police report and operations report were not available.

A public hearing was opened to take comments regarding the proposed 2021-2022 budget. No comments were received at the meeting or at city hall. The hearing was closed.

Hallberg moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 01-03-2021 Adopting the 2021-2022 budget and certifying the levy of \$14.07900 per thousand of taxable value. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Council reviewed a proposal from Terracon for soil-groundwater management plan and environmental consulting for the Main St. The IDNR had requested this be added to the project to monitor the three LUST(underground storage tank facility) sites within the project limits. The cost for the management plan is \$2,300 and monitoring, when requested, is \$1,300 per day plus any lab testing fees. Echard moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve the contract with Terracon. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Scott moved, seconded by Echard to approve assignment of the IDOT Right of Way Lease (truck staging area) held with Bunge NA to Zen-Noh Grain Corp. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to approve assignment of the IDOT Right of Way Lease (truck staging area) held with Zen-Noh to Viserion Grain, LLC. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Alternate side parking in place for snow removal ends on March 31, 2021 until November. Council discussed an outdoor furnace ordinance. Examples of ordinances from other communities will be sent to the city attorney to prepare an ordinance for consideration at a future meeting. Hallberg moved, seconded by Carroll to approve a permit for use of city property for the Achievement Club car cruise July 17, 2021. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Scott to approve a permit for use of city property for the

Chamber of Commerce spring arts and crafts festival July 2-4, 2021. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Council discussed the possibility of offering an incentive to city employees who get vaccinated against COVID. No action was taken.

A summary of the status of the Main Street Project was provided. With the DOT grant that will be approved in June there would be benefit to getting funding through SRF instead of the DOT. SRF would, however, require that the city withdraw from the USDA application first. Until the DOT funding has been officially approved though it would be in the best interest of the city to request that USDA keep all previous application and review in queue because without the additional DOT funding the city would have to go through USDA. Council was in agreement that a memo to withdraw the USDA application with a request to see if the project could remain in queue although not active should the city need to revert back to USDA.

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

Lyle J Troester, Mayor

Attest:

Lynette L. McManus, City Administrator