

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 17, 2019 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 17, 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.

Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes March 13, 2019, Special Meeting minutes April 8, 2019, Special Meeting minutes April 12, 2019 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period March 14, 2019 through April 17, 2019 - City- \$81,552.87, Library - \$1,492.73 March 2019 Revenues - \$64,302.13, March 2019 Expenses - \$71,042.03 d) Treasurer's Report for March 2019 e) Liquor License– Beer and Brats, Riverview, and By the Spoonful Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: Dan Keyes thanked the city crews for their hard work throughout the duration of the flooding.

Police Report: Chief Robert Millin provided the council with a report of McGregor calls for service for March. Two new full time non-certified officers will begin employment over the next two weeks. Both will go through field training and after successfully completing that will attend the short academy at Waterloo this fall. Council was provided a copy of the new shoulder patch design. Councilwoman Halvorson noted that the patch showed established 1999 which would signify a 20 year anniversary of the department. Chief Millin attended a chief's meeting with other Clayton County Police Chiefs. The group had stopped meeting, but will begin meeting again. Drug Take Back is Saturday April 27 at the library and at Marquette City Hall. Mayor Troester expressed his thanks to the Chief for the progress made over the past few months in getting the department updated and poised for future success. Crawford County is conducting a mock HazMat drill that the department will be taking part in. Enhanced patrol targeting impaired driving will be conducted soon. New vehicle is here with installations to be done in the next few weeks. Operations report – Ren Pape explained that they are continuing to battle high water tables and the river with another expected rise over the next week.

Richard Kittleson, consultant working with the IDNR, provided the council with a summary of the updated forest management plan. The documents are also available on-line and may be updated as work is completed to remove or clean trees and for planting of new trees. He provided a copy of a handout that discusses trees to plant in this area. He reported that the city is continuing its maintenance plan and has made progress in managing its public property forest.

Attorney Schuster explained that the special meeting held on April 12, 2019 to approve the small cell guidelines was a step necessary for the city to maintain some control over small cell installations that are necessary for 5G. He advised that the city monitor and follow the lead of what other cities do regarding the guidelines before developing an ordinance for adoption. The council was provided two sample ATV-UTV ordinances for consideration. Currently the city

ordinance allows ATV-UTVs only for the purpose of construction and for city use. There was concern that if passed it could become a problem for residents. Mayor Troester felt that this is a growing activity that can help to bring more tourists to the city and that the city should welcome them as long as they follow the rules. The county has recently granted use on county roads, however, they may not be on state highways other than to cross to another street or road on which they are allowed. The Chief and City Attorney will come up with a document that the council may adopt, revise or reject.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve a proposal for removal, repair, sandblasting, painting and replacement of three sections of the downtown railing located adjacent to the Sullivan Opera House, B Street Parking and By the Spoonful. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Carroll to approve pay request #1 for Loan # 6 owner occupied housing program - \$8,289.00 – Meuser Lumber. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Council discussed the planning and design loan. Conversations with the representative of the State Revolving Loan Fund indicated that the water and sewer portions would have to be separate loans as they come from different projects. Sander has submitted a Notice of Interest to IA Homeland Security for this project so would like to work through these details first as to the best way to proceed. Considerations must be made for hiring an engineering firm, scope of project and establishing a benefit/cost ratio that would make the project eligible. More info has been requested about the notice of interest so may have more to report at the May meeting.

A proposed means to add parking and gating at the Eagle Drive entrance to the Marquette evacuation route were discussed. Muehlbauer wants a gate rather than a chain. A parking area could be constructed at the entrance for two to four vehicles and a gate or chain with bollards added. Some signage to let people know where private property starts may also help. ATVs and motorcycles have been dodging the fence by driving across private property. Vehicles have been parking on the road itself to use the trail and sometimes must back onto private property to turn around. Sander would like to get some pricing and discuss plans with the public works director and bring those to the next meeting.

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