

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 16, 2018 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018** at City Hall with Mayor Pro-tem Muehlbauer presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem Muehlbauer led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present: Carroll, Echard, Halvorson, Muehlbauer, and Hallberg.

Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes April 18, 2018 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period April 19, 2018 through May 16, 2018 City- \$95,420.13, Library - \$4,760.34, April 2018 Revenues - \$1,342,912.26 April 2018 Expenses - \$1,148,041.62 d) Treasurer's Report for April, 2018 e) Liquor License Renewal Vet's Club and Riverview and Vet's Club License Transfer May 26-28, 2018. Roll call vote: Ayes – All. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: No comments received

Police Report – No officer present Operations Report – Spring clean up, getting parks in shape, doing concrete repairs and finishing day care deck approach, sewer plant repairs have provided some improvement in plant operation.

Sarah Snitker, Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission, was present to provide a status of funds report for the CDBG Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. General description of Accomplishments to Date: To date we have closed out two homes (913 Walton Street & 927 Garnavillo Ave.) 2 projects currently underway with 1 anticipated completion date by May 18th and the other with a completion date of June 9th. Anticipate bidding out 2 projects in June. Total of 6 projects anticipated to be completed by the end of the year. Summary of Expenditures to Date: IEAD – \$75,546.00, Local - \$4,500 for additional break down see spreadsheet. General Description of Remaining Work: Work left consists of historical clearances, contractor walk-through/bid opening, pre-construction conferences and final inspections. General Description of Changes Made to Project Budget: No changes were made to the budget, targets, schedules, scope, location or objectives.

Council reviewed a request to purchase city real property made by Dan Davies, EVD Enterprises adjacent to his rental property located on the corner of B St and Main, Part of Lot 37 in Block 14, JMJ addition. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Hallberg to authorize the city attorney to begin the disposal process following receipt of the \$2,500 down payment from EVD. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Steve Funk, Steve's Silver Dollar made a request to use the small parking lot on the east side of his building for Saturday and Sunday music through September. Council was reluctant to allow use for the entire summer but did suggest a trial period of one month to see if there were any problems. Echard moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve the use permit for the period of May 26 through June 17, Saturdays noon – 10:30 p.m. and Sundays 2 -6 p.m. with the area fenced and set back from the sidewalk ten feet. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. A new request will need to be submitted if the activities are to be extended beyond June 17. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve the addition of an outdoor service area for Steve's Silver Dollar. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Council reviewed a resolution to begin proceedings for disposal of the Sullivan Opera House (old hardware store) for redevelopment by Dominic Sparrgrove for the Community Catalyst Grant. Hallberg moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve Resolution 01-05-2018 Fixing a Date of Meeting for Public Hearing on a Proposal for the Disposal and Development of Certain City-owned Real Property in the Consolidated McGregor Urban Renewal Area. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Design concepts were introduced for entry way signage for the north and south entrances to town. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to approve Sketch 13 entry sign with the aluminum frames if the north entrance sign is approved by the DOT for placement in the previous location across from Riverview. If that location is denied the same sign without the aluminum frame will be placed on the Public Restroom wall. Cost for two signs with aluminum frame is \$4,454 but price will be adjusted to non-framed price on one sign if needed. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve sketch 15 for a new city hall sign and bulletin board with the addition of Est. 1837. Total cost for one sign \$3,298.00. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Council discussed a complaint received against Scott Clickner for the condition of his property on Hinch road. There is unfinished construction and landscaping. Council requested the attorney draft a nuisance letter explaining what needs to be completed. Sander reviewed comments in the 2017. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve the 2017 Audit Report completed by the State Auditor's Office. Roll call vote: Ayes – All. Motion carried. Press release will be sent to the NIT for next week. Council discussed the proposed agreement for clearing trees from the bluff side highway right of way between McGregor and Marquette. Attorney Schuster will review the maintenance agreement in place with the IDOT. Council stressed that MMU will be benefiting from this project and will be expected to contribute a portion of the costs since trees that are in danger of taking down power lines will be removed.

Sander informed the council that help wanted ads will begin running next week to fill the street superintendant position necessary due to Pat Jones accepting a position elsewhere. Evaluations will be conducted on remaining personnel in the next couple of weeks. Tree replacement will begin on the 19th with 43 trees going on public property. Outdoor Creations is doing the planting and staking. A grant was received from Lions Club International for 20 trees on private property where trees were lost during the tornado. These will be planted early June. A water holding system for watering the trees was also part of the grant.

As mentioned at a previous meeting sewer revenue was \$300 under the net revenue requirement for the sewer revenue bond. Rate adjustments are necessary to meet these requirements. At this time the rate will be adjusted as currently allowed by ordinance based on the CPI-U. The rates will be reviewed for additional increases and ordinance changes. The new sewer rate will be as follows: Fixed rate - \$10.72, 0.0505 per cubic foot, and non-metered service \$36.19/month. Garbage rates will remain the same and storm sewer rates will be \$10.50/month.

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

Joseph Muehlbauer

Mayor Pro-tem

Attest:

Lynette L. Sander
City Administrator