

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2022 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 18, 2022** 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 in attendance: Echard, Hallberg, Wild, and Carroll.

Wild moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the Consent Agenda a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes April 20, 2022 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period April 21, 2022 through May 18, 2022 - City- \$215,993.14, Library - \$1,010.00, April 2022 Revenues - \$374088.83, April Expenses - \$178,585.75 d) Treasurer's Report for April 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of delegations: None heard

Mayor Troester presented Mayor's Century Awards for 2022 on behalf of the McGregor Historic Preservation Commission. Awards went to Michelle Pettit for research of people and places of McGregor's past and Lucy Rodenberg Anderson for preserving the written story of McGregor's past.

Police report – Officer Zach is in third week of the academy. New full time officer has been hired contingent upon successful completion of required testing. He will attend the short course at Waterloo in August as he has a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Expected to start mid June. No updates on recent theft incidents at the riverfront.

A public hearing was opened for comments on the council's intent to fill the council vacancy created by Deb Scott's resignation. Sally Schneider, who had ran twice for council, had contacted the city about her interest in serving. No additional comments were heard and the hearing was closed. Carroll moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 01-05-2022 appointing Sally Schneider to fill the council vacancy created by Deb Scott's resignation. Roll call vote: Ayes – All. Motion carried. Mayor Troester administered Sally Schneider her oath of office and Sally joined the council session.

A public hearing was opened for comments regarding the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the 2021-2022 Budget. No comments were received and the hearing was closed.

Council discussed a letter from Jonathan Moser requesting permission to construct a privacy fence which would be in the city right of way of C- Street. As discussed at an earlier meeting, Moser had talked to public works director and was told it wouldn't be a problem, but that there will be snow against the fence. Moser stated he would not hold the city responsible for any damage to the fence and agreed to remove should any construction work take place on that section of C- Street. The city attorney had recommended an amendment to the existing temporary use permit. Hallberg moved, seconded by Carroll to authorize the city attorney to prepare the amendment for approval at the next council meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – all.

Motion carried. An offer to purchase Lots 7 & 8 of Ohmer Ridge was considered. The offer was for \$2,000 less than the already discounted price. Carroll moved, seconded by Wild to reject the offer and counter offer at the already discounted price of \$8,000 per lot. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve the proposal from Tallgrass Archaeological, LLC for Phase I Intensive Archaeological Investigation for the Main Street Sewer Project for a total of \$91,859 for scope of work for three tasks. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Wild to approve a contract in the amount of \$500 with UERPC for a CDBG-LMI survey. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve Amendment No. 1 to FY 2022 Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 03-05-2022 Authorizing Transfers for Capital Projects – FEMA Alternate Project. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Wild to approve Resolution 04-05-2022 Authorizing Transfer of Funds for Debt Service. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 05-05-2022 Authorizing Transfers for Equipment Reserve – Truck. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Wild to approve Resolution 06-05-2022 Authorizing Transfer of Funds for Capital Projects – Riverfront. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Carroll moved, seconded by Wild to approve a Business Enhancement Grant for the Methodist Church Preservation Foundation for a \$2,500 match towards \$5,000 in electrical upgrades. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. The Waste Management contract had not been submitted for council review and will be on the agenda for June. Council asked if there were other companies that could provide a quote for service and asked McManus to talk with Town and Country. Wild moved seconded by Carroll to approve the Mobile Food Vendor Policy and Form of Permit. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the Urban Chicken Policy and Form of Permit. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Discussion of hiring process will be moved to a future meeting. A quote for electrical repairs for vandalism of the wiring leading to the boathouses was considered. Echard moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve a quote from Pat's Electric for \$3,600 - \$4,000 to make the necessary repairs. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Discussion took place about assisting the marina with some security installations at the riverfront. Chief Millin said there could be some issues using public money for private business even though public property would be visible in the security camera field of vision. It would also make the videos subject to open records laws. The chief has a meeting scheduled later in the week with a company who specializes in these applications and will report back. ARP – SLFRF allocation was discussed. A letter was received regarding employment, housing and safety expenditures. Possible expenditures are for employee retainage incentives, additional hiring, assisting with cost of lift station are all eligible. More discussion will take place in the very near future.

McManus discussed the possibility of a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant for a backup generator for the waste water treatment plant. An NOI must be submitted for review and if the program receives funding a full application can be submitted with FEMA approval.

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

Lyle J. Troester
Mayor

Attest:

Lynette L. McManus
City Administrator