

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 19, 2019 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, June 19, 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, Halvorson, Echard, and Hallberg. Carroll was absent.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes May 15, 2019 with minor revisions c) Bills and Claims as presented for period May 16, 2019 through June 19, 2019 - City- \$267,727.44, Library - \$843.16, May 2019 Revenues - \$365,304.45, May 2019 Expenses - \$404,560.71 d) Treasurer's Report for May 2019 e) Liquor License– Vet's Club f) Cigarette Permit Renewal – Kwik Star g) Board Appointments – Police Commission – Charles Carroll – Term Ending 06-30-2021. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: Sharon and Joe Brooks were in attendance and requested the council look at a solution to parking issues on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street so that residents along that street have a place to park. In addition concerns were raised about the number of children playing along Center St and the speed that people drive along that stretch of road. Signage or speed bumps was offered as a solution. Mayor Troester stated that additional discussion will take place later in the meeting.

Police Report: Chief Millin provided info on the Narcan now available to officers as the result of a grant. The speed trailer has been placed on Center Street which was also a result of a citizen report the same as that expressed by Sharon Brooks. New officers will be attending the Academy in August. The department has greatly increased its visibility in the communities now that the new officers are in place. Operations report: Been working at getting parks in shape and keeping up with the mowing, clearing flood debris, pumps have been put away except the triangle park and Main St/B St ones. Back ups occur if those pumps are shut down. Repair of two street cuts will be done this week. A quote for weed and feed for the parks will be sought.

Mayor Troester opened a public hearing to take comments regarding the proposed budget amendment. No comments were received at city hall and none were received at the meeting. The hearing was closed.

Hallberg moved seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 01-06-2019 Approving Budget Amendment #2. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to table Resolution 02-06-2019 Setting Wages for 2019-2020 Budget year. Mayor Troester asked if there wasn't going to be an opportunity for any discussion prior to putting a motion on the table. Halvorson and Muehlbauer stated the increase would not be given until reviews were completed. The Mayor explained that these are annual wage adjustments for cost of living and are in line with the county at 2.5%, police department at 3%, and Marquette at 3%. The increases are provided in the budget in February and are included in the approved budget. These are not merit based raises but are for keeping up with inflation. Additionally, he asked how a procedure that has not been in place for merit based raises could be applied to what has

always been a cost of living raise. Halvorson didn't feel the council needed to follow what other entities were giving. Sander stated that with the difficulty of finding qualified personnel it is important to keep in pace with wages. Hallberg stated that if you are in town you see all they are getting accomplished along with dealing with the flooding. Muehlbauer withdrew his motion. Hallberg moved to approve Resolution 026-06-2019 Setting Wages for 2019-2020 Budget year. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Echard moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve a pledge of \$1,000 for the 2020 Clayton County marketing campaign. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to set a hearing date for July 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to approve plans and specifications and opinion of cost for the 6<sup>th</sup> Street bridge project. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. A quote from Spahn and Rose was provide for replacement windows at the day care. Echard requested a couple more quotes be sought.

Echard moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve the RFQ for engineering services for the Main Street Sewer Project. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Echard to approve submittal of an application to SRF for a planning and design loan for engineering the main street sewer project. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Further discussion was held regarding the parking concerns on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Possible solutions could be vacating as a city street and making parking by permit only. Signage and other traffic slowing devices will be explored for Center Street. Prospect Street needs to have guardrail installed along the hill. Make Prospect no parking during winter to allow better snowplowing and remove one way on alley by Kwik Star. An order will be going in for ATV and other signage in the new budget. Walton Street center line needs to be painted.

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

Lyle J. Troester, Mayor

Attest:

Lynette L. Sander, City Administrator