

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020, 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 16, 2020** at City Hall with Mayor Lyle 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. In attendance via Zoom were Chief Robert Millin, Officer Mason Kwilinsky and Tim Cutsforth HR Green.

Scott moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes August 19, 2020 and Special Meeting Minutes August 31, 2020 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period August 20, 2020 through September 16, 2020 - City- \$125,353.19, Library - \$1,243.58, August 2020 Revenues - \$281,088.64, August 2020 Expenses - \$351,712.74 d) Treasurer's Report for August 2020 e) Liquor License Renewal Kwik Star, License Transfer – Vet's Club Oct. 3-4 and Oct 10-11 f) Board Appointments – Dock Commission Dennis Kotz and John Clark to fill vacancies terms ending 12-31-2020 and Historic Preservation Commission – Dave Kneer and Joe Brooks – Terms Ending 12-31-2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: Mayor Troester thanked the Friends Helping Friends for their work on the cancer benefit. Echard asked that when pedestrian signs are moved aside for moving boats or other large equipment that whomever moves them also replace them instead of laying along the curb.

Police report: Chief Millin last STEP wave resulted in over 70 contacts. Work on the bridge for this year will be completed by end of October with the remaining stretch completed next spring. The department recently spent 8.5 hours over several days monitoring the west entrance to town following complaints of semis driving over the speed limit and using their jake brakes. The average speed was under that posted and there was only one instance of jake brakes being used.

A public hearing was opened to take comments regarding plans, specifications, form of contract and engineer's opinion of cost for the FEMA alternate project – Ash Street and A Street Improvements. No comments received at the meeting or at city hall – the hearing was closed. Tim Cutsforth, HR Green, provided the council with a summary of bids received for the Alternate Project. There were four bids received with the lowest bid coming from Midwest Concrete, Inc from Peosta in the amount of \$305,279.62 which is 16% below the opinion of probable cost. Mr. Cutsforth recommended accepting the bid from Midwest Concrete, Inc. Halvorson moved, seconded by Scott to approve Resolution 01-09-2020 Approving plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Opinion of Cost for Public Improvements – Alternate Project. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to

approve Resolution 02-09-2020 Approving Bids for Public Improvements – FEMA Alternate project. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hallberg moved, seconded by Scott to approve Resolution 03-09-2020 Approving the 2019-2020 Annual Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Scott moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 04-09-2020 Approving the 2019-2020 Street Finance Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Scott to approve Resolution 05-09-2020 Approving Winneshiek County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Update. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to approve the first reading of Ordinance 09-01-2020 Amending Chapter 62 General Traffic Regulations of the Code of Ordinances. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to waive the three reading requirement for Ordinance 09-01-2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve final passage of Ordinance 09-01-2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – All. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 09-02-2020 Amending the McGregor Code of Ordinances to be Consistent with 2020 Changes to the Iowa Code Made by the Iowa General Assembly. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to waive the three reading requirement of Ordinance 09-02-2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve final passage of Ordinance 09-03-2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. All ordinances are effective upon publication.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve a subordination agreement on the mortgage of Mel and Maureen Wild for the Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Council was provided a service program proposal from Access which was provided following the completion of a computer assessment. No action. Council reconsidered a request made by Dan Davies for acquisition of property at the south end of West Spring Street to be able to access a property he had purchased at tax sale. Mayor Troester had asked that they reconsider due to the DNR be willing to provide a five year agreement to cross their land which was needed in addition to access across city lots. Echard and Halvorson expressed their continued concern about storm water erosion. An email from neighboring property owner Harry Gerndt expressed his interest if the lots were to be sold and also about erosion. Carroll and Hallberg visited the lots and were still not convinced this would be in the best interest of the city. Carroll moved, seconded by Hallberg to have the city attorney provide an agreement which would give access for a limited number of years, all costs associated with the acquisition to be at Davies expense, installation and maintenance of a culvert at his expense, right to terminate the agreement. Council will consider at the next meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Carroll, Hallberg, Scott. Nays – Echard and Halvorson. Motion carried.

Regulations for the Pikes Peak/City Special Deer Hunt 2020 were provided to the council. The season begins on October 1, 2020 and ends on January 17, 2021. Interested hunters should contact Matt Tschirgi for more info and requirements for qualification and licensing. Four requests for the McGregor Business Enhancement grant were considered. Carroll questioned HVAC installation but did note that it is allowed by the guidelines of the program. For future

requests he asked that each one be considered separately. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve Business Enhancement Grant applications from four businesses – Paper Moon, River Junction (two buildings), and Rivertown. Roll call vote: Ayes – Halvorson, Echard, Scott, Hallberg. Nay – Carroll. Motion carried.

The Amvets replaced the flag, rope and hasp at Determination Park.

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

Lyle J. Troester, Mayor:

Attest:

Lynette L. McManus, City Administrator