

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 18, 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, Carroll, and Hallberg.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes August 21., 2019 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period August 22, 2019 through, September 18, 2019 - City- \$64,046.08, Library - \$1,249.42, August 2019 Revenues - \$90,364.42, July 2019 Expenses - \$117,968.40 d) Treasurer's Report for August, 2019 e) Liquor License Transfer – AMVETS – Oct 5-6 and Oct 12-13 and Change of Ownership. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Future ownership changes do not need council approval and can be approved by administrative staff.

Hearing of Delegations: Betty Gingerich expressed concern about the school signs and asked who was responsible. The task is shared by the street department and police department and there are times that one or the other department gets busy and may forget to take the signs down. The Chief will talk to the school to see if they could have maintenance staff take over this duty.

Police Report: Chief Millin reported that the STEP wave was conducted on Labor Day weekend. October 3 the department is co-hosting with Central State Bank an autism training session to be held at the Marquette City Hall and is open to all. October 6-10 What You Don't See trailer will be here with the location to be determined. The trailer is a mock set-up of a teenagers bedroom and is open to parents and adults only. The two officers graduate from the academy on October 25. The accident on Center Street is still being investigated but fortunately there were only minor injuries. Operations Report: Public Works Director Ren Pape told the council that they were fortunate to have the FEMA storm detention dams in place or there would have been far more water in town. The dams were successfully holding back storm water. Trash racks are being cleared as quickly as possible. Soil testing was done on Monday the 16th in Artesian Park and the Pocket Park. Water was hit three feet below the surface and throughout the entire 30 feet drilled by the contractor. This report will be provided to the engineer and to the company asked to quote the de-watering.

The scheduled public hearing to take comments regarding entering into a sewer revenue loan and disbursement agreement was opened. No comments were received at city hall and no comments from the audience. The hearing was closed.

Council reviewed paperwork from the Iowa Dept of Justice regarding a tobacco compliance check violation by a Kwik Star employee. The employee has been fined and the business will also be fined. The city may initiate legal actions or the state will if the city chooses not to. The business will be fined \$300. Attorney fees will be \$150 with the remainder going to the city. Echard moved, seconded by Carroll to authorize the city attorney to proceed with civil

prosecution against Kwik Star for the tobacco violation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Carroll, Halvorson, Muehlbauer, Echard. Hallberg abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Troester informed the council that Pat Dillman has made an offer to donate the Diamond Jo building to the city as a charitable contribution. The building is 75x75, three floors, has one apartment on the second floor, and the first floor had extensive remodeling done several years ago. There would be no stipulations placed on the city as far as usage or sale of the building but they would like recognition given to Pat and Bruce Dillman for the renovation and donation of the building. Mayor Troester has been in discussion with possible developers and has found some interest. Any proceeds of the sale could be used for improvement to the brick street around Triangle Park or other projects. Potential uses could be for pop-up merchants, offices, retail, boutique rooms – air bb – city offices etc. Halvorson moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to authorize the city attorney to assist with acquisition. Roll call vote: Ayes – Carroll, Halvorson, Hallberg, Muehlbauer. Nays – Echard. Motion carried.

Council discussed complaints regarding the property at 216 Center St owned by Diane Benson. The chief talked with one of the tenants in late June and letters have been sent to both the owner and the tenant. The owner has also been contacted several times by phone and has said she is working on getting him to get the mess cleaned up. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to authorize the city attorney to begin nuisance proceedings against the property. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Winter parking regulations were discussed. Pape requested the council revise the winter parking regulations to include no parking November 1 – March 15 on Prospect Street from 4th Street to Ann Street due to the narrowness of the street and the difficulty of clearing snow. City attorney will prepare ordinance change to address Prospect St. Alternate side parking signs will also be placed on Ann Street and A Street using the same ones as Main Street.

Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 01-09-2019 approving the revised annual street finance report. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 02-09-2019 Taking Action with Respect to a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and Authorizing, Approving and Securing the Payment of a \$144,000 Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement Anticipation Project Note (IFA Interim Loan and Disbursement Agreement). Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Resolution 03-09-2019 Authorizing Transfer of Funds of \$100,000 from Library CD to open 5 month Library CD at Central State Bank. Roll call vote: Ayes – Halvorson, Hallberg, Carroll, Echard. Nays – Muehlbauer. Motion carried.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to approve the first reading of Ordinance 09-01-2019 Amending Code of Ordinances Pertaining to One-Way Traffic making alley from Main Street to 1st Street lot two-way traffic. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to waive the three reading requirement for Ordinance 09-01-2019. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to approve final passage of Ordinance 09-01-2019. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Reminder fall clean up is Tuesday October 1, 2019. Residences in McGregor Heights, Tanglewood, Ridgewood and Summit will remain on Monday September 30. Signs have been ordered, digital speed sign is ordered. Carroll requested signage for NO ATV-UTV be posted on Walton and other main accesses at Hwy 18 intersections.

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

Lyle J. Troester, Mayor

Attest:

Lynette L. Sander, City Administrator