

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 19, 2018** 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: Echard, Halvorson, Muehlbauer, Carroll, and Hallberg.

Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes August 15, 2018 and Special Meeting minutes September 5, 2018 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period August 16, 2018 through September 19, 2018 City- \$60,319.66, Library - \$1,466.93, August 2018 Revenues - \$79,114.49 August 2018 Expenses - \$79,823.53 d) Treasurer's Report for August, 2018 e) Liquor License Renewal – Vet's Club Transfer Oct. 6-7 and Oct 13-14 fall art festival and Backwoods f) Historic Preservation Commission appointments– Michelle Pettit and Joan Burns – Non-voting members terms ending 09-30-2021 – Planning and Zoning Commission – vacancy not filled. Roll call vote: Ayes – All. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: Richard Pettit thanked Public Works Director, Ren Pape, for his response to recent problems with sewer backup at the manhole on Main and A Street. This is a problem that has been ongoing for many years and Pape had recommended installation of a check valve by the Art Center at a previous occurrence. The art center is looking into the cost of installing the valve.

Police report – Mayor Troester noted that the hiring process for a Chief of Police continues.

Operations report – Ren Pape, Public Works Director, informed the council that Dale Echard has been spending his time working at the sewer plant getting familiar with the system and organizing the buildings. The new truck that was ordered earlier in the year is in Illinois so should be arriving soon. He intends to keep the old pick up as a back-up vehicle for garbage pick-up and other smaller jobs. The streets will be swept prior to the art festivals. IDOT road patching has left a lot of gravel and gravel dust on Main Street. Council requested the clerk contact the DOT to see if they would be assisting with cleaning up the loose rock on Main Street.

The mayor opened a public hearing to take comments on the proposal to enter into a general obligation loan agreement to borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed \$400,000. This is a FEMA Disaster loan that is approved should the council decide they wish to proceed. No comments had been received at city hall and none were made at the meeting. The hearing was closed. A second public hearing was opened to take comments regarding proposed contract documents, plans and specifications, and form of contract and estimated cost of construction of the B Street Pedestrian Bridge. No comments were received at city hall. The hearing was closed.

Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 02-09-2018 Approving Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Opinion of Cost for Public Improvements – B Street Pedestrian Bridge. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. This is for the second bid letting

on the project. Tim Cutsforth, HR Green, provided council with a summary of the bids received on the project. Once again bids came in much higher than the engineer's opinion of cost. The engineer and city administrator had been in contact with the FEMA project representative and he intends to send to FEMA to determine if the project would be funded at the higher cost. Mr. Cutsforth recommended that the council table the contract award until the October meeting so to allow time for FEMA to review. The council has 60 days to make an award or reject all bids. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Hallberg to table the resolution awarding the contract. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Council considered Resolution 04-09-2018 Approving Entering into a GO Loan Agreement to Borrow Money not to Exceed \$400,000. City Administrator Sander requested the council table the resolution until a future meeting so that she has received a response to questions posed to FEMA about the determination if the loan would be forgivable at the end of the loan term. Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to table resolution 04-09-2018. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 05-09-2018 Approving Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Financial Report. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Council discussed amendments to the employee handbook that would provide a stipend of \$20 per day on Saturday and Sunday and seven (7) designated holidays in addition to number of hours worked to complete sewer and other required rounds. Carroll stated he was not in favor of this. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 06-09-2018 Adopting Amendments to the City of McGregor Employment and Benefits Policy Handbook. Roll call vote: Ayes – Hallberg, Halvorson, Muehlbauer. Nays – Carroll. Echard Abstained.

Hallberg moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve the use permit for Chamber of Commerce for Arts and Crafts Festivals October 5-7 and October 12-14. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. The council reviewed a letter from the McGregor Public Library Board regarding ongoing issues with the roof leaking. McGregor Roofing completed the roof replacement following the July 2017 tornado but has been called back to address leaks on several occasions. Although the contractor has been responsive and made attempts to repair the roof, the issue continues. Pictures provided showed where the leaking has occurred. Council directed the clerk to contact Perfection, the disaster team brought in by EMC insurance and ask them to step in to get the roof repaired or replaced.

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

Lyle J. Troester,
Mayor

Attest:

Lynette L. Sander
City Administrator