

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 6:00 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 21, 2022** at City Hall with Mayor Troester presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members in attendance: Echard, Hallberg, Schneider, and Carroll. Wild was absent at roll call but joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve the Consent Agenda a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes August 17, 2022 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period August 18, 2022 through September 21, 2022 - City- \$103,418.82, Library - \$1,806.11, August 2022 Revenues - \$135,502.37, August Expenses - \$228,002.12 d) Treasurer's Report for August 2022 e) Liquor License renewals – Kwik Star, Vet's Club Oct 1-2 and October 8-9 f) Board Appointments – Historic Preservation Commission – Maureen Wild, Sheila Oberreuter, Bob Clark – Terms Ending 09-30-2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of delegations: Harold and Sharon Brooks were in attendance requesting emergency action be taken regarding their retaining wall. Council declined to consider it an emergency item so would take no formal action. The property has been surveyed although the hard copy info has not been returned. Mayor and Council have looked at the survey markers. Because the wall has leaned so far it is difficult to determine exact placement. City will request quotes for options for the wall – no commitment as to cost share.

Police report- Chief Millin reviewed stats for calls for service for the year to date. Calls are up approximately 8% over last year to this time. The department will participate in a school evacuation drill, DARE will start next month. Officer Zach graduated second in his class at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

A public hearing was opened to take comments on a request to vacate a portion of second street. Brandi Crozier was present to address any concerns. Burton Walter expressed his opposition to vacating it as the street is used by garbage truck, snow plow etc to turn around. He also stated that lost tourist looking for Pikes Peak turn around there. Carroll said he had received comments from residents that it needed to remain open should a pedestrian bridge ever be constructed. Hallberg had received one comment against closure of the street. Crozier asked if there were other locations where garbage truck didn't turn around. The mayor cited Prospect St and Kinney Streets as locations where the truck had to back out or in for pick up. Carroll asked what the driving force was to request the purchase. Crozier stated since they intend to operate an Airbb on the property they purchased there that it seemed like the responsible thing to do to ensure guests didn't park along Point Anne. With no additional comments the hearing was closed. Carrol moved, seconded by Wild to decline the request to purchase the portion of C-Street. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held to consider the 2022 CDBG Water/Sewer Application for the influent screen and back up generators at the WWTP. Diana Johnson, UERPC, read the following nine points regarding the application:

(a) how the need for the proposed activity or projects were identified;

The need for the CDBG water/sewer grant with the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) came from various planning sessions within the city. The City's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) does not have pretreatment or screening, and for years, the City has had issues with debris entering the wastewater treatment plant. There are large amounts of debris entering the aeration basins and flowing into the decanters, plugging up process piping and valves downstream, causing major maintenance issues and poor treatment performance. Therefore, some sort of preliminary treatment, such as a mechanical fine screen is recommended, prior to the treatment process. The City requested that an influent mechanical screen be installed at the WWTP to reduce large debris affecting the treatment process. The IA DNR has also recommended that the City address the lack of backup power for the lift stations and at the WWTP, therefore the need for emergency engine generators is required.

(b) how the proposed activity or projects will be funded and the sources of funds;

The request from the IEDA will be \$300,000. If successfully funded, the remainder of the proposed activity will be funded through an Iowa Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) loan and city funds, for a total project cost of \$898,000.

(c) the date the CDBG application will be submitted; The CDBG water/sewer application will be submitted on or before October 1, 2022 to the IEDA.

(d) requested amount of federal funds; The requested amount is \$300,000.

(e) estimated portion of federal funds that will benefit persons of low and moderate income;

Given that 2011-2015 American Survey data shows the community residents at 46.9% low to moderate income (LMI), an income survey was required and conducted within the city limits. The results of this survey indicated 61.18% of the population was LMI. Based on the number of surveys obtained, there were 871 residents living in McGregor; therefore, a total of 533 LMI persons will benefit from this proposed project.

(f) where the proposed activity or project will be conducted;

The project will be conducted within the city limits of McGregor at the wastewater treatment plant located at 147 River Road and at the lift station for the generators on B Street.

(g) plans to minimize displacement of persons and businesses as a result of funded activities or projects; No businesses or persons will be displaced as a result of the proposed facility upgrades.

(h) plans to assist persons actually displaced, and; There are no plans to displace any persons.

(i) the nature of the proposed activity or project. The nature of the proposed project within the

City of McGregor is to construct a new influent fine screen at the existing WWTP. The project also will consist of installing standby generators and all necessary connections at the WWTP and/or lift stations around the City if needed in an emergency.

These improvements will bring the city into compliance with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, reduce public health concerns, decrease emergency repairs, and improve a healthy infrastructure.

The City of McGregor Community Development Needs Assessment was reviewed for inclusion with the CDBG application. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve the needs assessment. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 01-09-2022 authorizing submission of the 2022 CDBG Water/Sewer application. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened to hear comments regarding Proposed Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the WWTP SBR Controls Upgrade Project. No comments received and the hearing was closed. Echard moved, seconded by Wild to approve Resolution 02-09-2022 Approving Proposed Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the WWTP SBR Controls Upgrade Project. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Alex Jaromin, Davy Engineering provided a bid summary for the WWTP SBR Control Project. Ten plan sets had been requested. There was one bid received from Automatic Systems Co, Ames, Ia. The engineer made the recommendation to approve the low bid from Automatic Systems Co, in the amount of \$111,990. Carroll moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 03-09-2022 Awarding Contract for the WWTP SBR Controls Project to Automatic Systems Co in the amount of \$111,990. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Carroll moved, seconded by Wild to approve Resolution 04-09-2022 to Appoint a Representative and Alternate Representative to the Clayton County E-911 Service Board. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 05-09-2022 Supporting Participation in Iowa's Living Roadway Community Visioning Program and to commit a minimum of \$2,000 towards one of the projects developed during the program. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Wild to approve Resolution 06-09-2022 Approving FY 2021-2022 Annual Financial Report. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 07-09-2022 Authorizing City of McGregor, IA and Clayton County, Iowa 28E Agreement Concerning Nuisance Abatement. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

No action taken on request from MFL MarMac Booster Club for funding. Echard moved, seconded by Schneider to approve a use of city property permit for GRRRRR for October 1 to use the 100 blocks of 1st St and Main St. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Wild moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve a use of city property permit for Turner Park for Oct 1-2 and Oct 8-9 for the fall fine arts and crafts festival. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Two quotes were considered for a new riding lawn mower. Hallberg moved, seconded by Wild to approve the purchase of the Scag Turf Tiger mower from Steve's Small Engine for \$18,240. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Wild moved, seconded by Echard to approve sponsorship for the GRRRRR in the amount of \$300. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

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

Lyle J. Troester
Mayor

Attest:

Lynette L. McManus
City Administrator