

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2022 6:00 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 19, 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, Wild, and Carroll..

Wild moved, seconded by Echard to approve the Consent Agenda a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes September 21, 2022 and Special Meeting minutes October 13, 2022 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period September 22, 2022 through October 19, 2022 - City- \$106,136.51, Library - \$916.07, September 2022 Revenues - \$322,236.32, September Expenses - \$137,836.47 d) Treasurer's Report for September 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of delegations: No comments heard

Police report- Officer Tyler Zach was in attendance in Chief Millin's absence. Mayor Troester congratulated him on his recent graduation from the academy. Recent theft case in downtown McGregor has been solved with charges being filed.

Council considered several options to address the failure of the wall in front of Harold Brooks home at 116 7th St. Mayor Troester discussed the question of whether the wall is on city property, which in looking at the end support wall by the driveway and previous repairs to that structure it is most likely the wall was on the property originally. The best option for the city would be to totally remove the wall and slope the lawn. Other options included landscape blocks, large cement blocks (6'x2'), or poured wall. These options would require that the homeowner pay half of the cost and the wall would be pushed back onto the property and future responsibility would be the property owners. After discussions with the owners Echard moved, seconded by Carroll to approve removal of the wall, fill as needed (2-3 loads estimated), slope and seed. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Timing will be determined upon discussion with public works.

Hallberg moved, seconded by Schneider to approve Resolution 01-10-2022 Approving Contract and Performance and/or Payment Bonds for the WWTP SBR Control Upgrade Project. Carroll moved, seconded by Wild to approve Resolution 02-10-2022 Authorizing \$25,000 Deposit to Fire Truck CD for Fire Truck Purchase transferring funds from American Rescue Plan (SLFRF) to fire truck reserve. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve a pledge of \$5,000 to the 2023-2024 Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund (NEIRHTF). Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve sponsorship of a tree for the festival of trees at \$50 plus up to \$50 for decorations. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Wild to approve a quote of \$235 from Bob Bedker for shoveling sidewalks at several city properties for the 2022-2023 winter season. Price subject to adjustment up or down dependent on depth. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved seconded by Echard to set trick or treat

hours for 5-8 p.m. on October 31, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Schneider to approve a quote up to \$9,844 for a new snow plow for the F250. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

An email from Barbara Keenan expressing interest in their family adopting Artesian Park to do some basic maintenance such as mulch, weeding, trimming bushes, repairing picnic tables was discussed. The council was very interested in the idea and asked that she be given the park board chair's contact. The annual financial exam report was reviewed. Budget was exceeded in enterprise due to how the funds needed to be accounted for to roll the planning and design loans into the sewer revenue bonds. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve the annual examination report. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

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

Lyle J. Troester
Mayor

Attest:

Lynette L. McManus
City Administrator