

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 20, 2021 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 20, 2021** at City Hall with Mayor Troester presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members in attendance: Carroll, Halvorson, Scott, Echard, and Hallberg.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Scott to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes September 15, 2021 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period September 16, 2021 through October 20, 2021 - City- \$133,321.46, Library - \$678.07, September 2021 Revenues - \$381,191.55, September 2021 Expenses - \$321,903.59 d) Treasurer's Report for September 2021 e) Liquor License Renewal – Kwik Star f) Board Appointment – Tree Board – Bob Pruett – Term Ending 11-15-2024 g) Fire Chief Appointment – Tom Sauer. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of delegations: None

Police report: Chief has talked with the principal at the middle school regarding the school stop signs at the Garnavillo and Ann St. There has been little use of the crossings by students so school has agreed that the signs should not be used but remain available for use if needed. Replacement AEDs were received with a grant and chief proposed placement of the units being replaced is at both city's riverfronts. Cabinets would have to be purchased. Officer Ceynar is doing well at the academy. Officer Kwilinsky has tendered his resignation having accepted a position at another department. DARE is in week two at the school

A public hearing was opened to take comments regarding the proposed McGregor Consolidated Urban Renewal Plan amendment. No comments were received and the hearing was closed.

Council reviewed the health insurance renewal documents. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve the United Health Care Choice Plus Premier at a cost increase of 12.3% over the current UHC plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Resolution 01-10-2021 Approving Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Consolidated McGregor Urban Renewal Area. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 02-10-2021 approving the 2021 Annual Financial Report. Roll call vote. Ayes – All Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 03-10-2021 Approving Clayton County Multi-Jurisdiction Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Scott to approve Resolution 04-10-2021 Approving 2022 Dock Rental Fees. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Scott to approve Resolution 05-10-2021 to Provide for a Notice of Hearing on Proposed Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Co0st for the Front Street Lift Station and Force Main Project, and the Taking of Bids – November 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at city hall. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Council discussed a time extension related to Ordinance 05-01-2021 Outdoor Furnaces. No response had been received from the IDNR Air Quality division. An email had been sent by the city administrator several weeks ago, with no return communication. A call was made to the IDNR and it was reported that the individual had retired. Brenda Streicher provided information on the process to follow when a complaint is received. Their office will then schedule an inspection to determine if there are any violations. The owner had contacted the city shortly before this meeting to report what steps they have taken and what they intend to do. An LP igniter has been added to eliminate the need to use starting materials such as cardboard. Two stack extensions are to be added. The furnace will only be operated from December – March unless extreme cold temperatures occur outside that time frame. McManus asked that they contact the city when the repairs are all in place and they intend to fire up the furnace so that any city officials that are available could see how it operates. Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve a three-month extension through January to review progress in the matter. Roll call vote: Ayes – Carroll, Echard, Halvorson, Scott. Abstain – Hallberg. Motion carried.

Hallberg moved, seconded by Scott to send a letter to FEMA requesting the Community Disaster Loan (CDL) EMK-2018-LF-4334IA02 be closed with no draws having been made from the fund. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Scott moved, seconded by Echard to approve Amendment #4 to engineering agreement with Davy Engineering for the Main Street Sewer Project new total through Post Construction is \$1,680,900. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Halvorson to set Trick or Treat hours for 5-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 31. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Winter Parking regulations go into affect on November 1, 2021 and run through March 31, 2021. Hood will be removed from the signs at that time. Halvorson moved, seconded by Scott to approve sponsorship of a tree for \$50 plus cost of ornaments for the festival of trees with proceeds to go to a project in McGregor. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Carroll asked that in the future the committee please provide information on how the funds raised at the event will be spent at the time of the request for sponsorship. Scott moved, seconded by Echard to approve a quote from Chosen Valley Testing Inc for \$2,575 for soil boring near the sewer plant for the screen improvements that are included in the Main Street sewer project. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Echard moved, seconded by Halvorson to authorize placing the order for the Phase II Turner Park Splashpad equipment and make the 50% down payment. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. A grant for \$30,000 has been received from UMGC for the project. Council reviewed quotes for LMI Housing Rehab projects to spend funds refunded per promissory note requirements. Scott moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve quotes for work at 522 Main Street for \$7,567 Ashbacher Building Supply and \$1,500 Thomas Tuckpointing for foundation repairs and insulation, work at 320 Ann St for \$1,600 to Fettkether's for sidewalk replacement, work at 310 Ash Street, \$7,684 Edwards for boiler replacement with a forgivable loan document of 2 year for projects over \$5,000 and a one year agreement for projects under \$5,000. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. The work at 320 Ann St will be placed on the November agenda for ratification as the bid came in late and was not on the agenda. Due to the short time frame remaining the work must be done while weather is still good.

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

Lyle J Troester, Mayor

Attest:

Lynette L. McManus, City Administrator