

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2020, 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 21, 2020** at City Hall with Mayor Lyle Troester presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members attending in person: Scott, Carroll, Halvorson, Echard, and Hallberg. Due to COVID 19 guidelines released by the CDC, and federal and state government the meeting was held electronically to help combat the spread of the virus. Social distancing was in place for those in attendance with public access limited to meet the prescribed guidelines. Public access was provided via Zoom.

Scott moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes September 16, 2020 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period September 17, 2020 through October 21, 2020 - City- \$322,202.04, Library - \$2,135.75, September 2020 Revenues - \$152,196.31, September 2020 Expenses - \$209,347.27 d) Treasurer's Report for September 2020 e) Board Appointments – Planning and Zoning Commission - Larry Brummel and Doug Reynolds terms ending 10-26-2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: Audrey Posten, President of McGregor Marquette Chamber of Commerce provided the council with an update for the chamber. She announced the resignation of Executive Director, Ashley Kishman. Her employment ended following the final Arts and Crafts event, however, she will be assisting with Small Business Saturday which takes place later in November. Applications are being taken through November 15 with no date established yet to have the position filled. The annual meeting will take place virtually this year. The organization continues to consider fundraising ideas. The group has received some grant funding and also a loan to help cover shortfalls created due to the pandemic.

Council considered the renewal rates from Group Benefit Advisors for health insurance through United Health Care. Premiums increased approximately 10% with some small increases to out of pocket maximums and co pays. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to renew with United Healthcare – Plan Gold BS-C7 Rx651 for monthly coverage cost of \$1,058.14 plus 50% stipend in lieu of insurance to two employees. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hallberg moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Change Order #1 – 6th Street Box Culvert Project to replace a manhole at Ann and 6th St that was not quoted in the scope of the project in the amount of \$6,770. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve Pay Request #1 for the 6th Street Box Culvert Project in the amount of \$158,857.29. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Council discussed an amended administrative order from the IDNR for sewer main replacement. The amended order contains the following deadlines for work: Submit plans to update the facility and/or system to IDNR for approval by August 1, 2021, begin bidding process for a construction project to implement the plans by January 2, 2022, begin construction on the project by May 1, 2022, complete construction of the project by May 31, 2023. Scott moved, seconded

by Echard to approve Resolution 01-10-2020 Approving IDNR Administrative Order. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Echard moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Resolution 02-10-2020 Setting Private and Commercial Dock Lease Rates for 2021 at \$15 per foot. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Council considered a quote for computer support services from SA Computer Solutions. Office staff had met with HB Davies to determine objectives and outcomes. Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to hire SA Computer Solutions for approximately 17 hours and for installation of a VPN to address security, ability to work offsite, and to establish a disaster recovery plan for an estimated fee of \$595 plus the cost of the VPN selected. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

City will sponsor a Christmas tree for Festival of Trees with Janet Hallberg doing the decorating. Trick or Treat hours are set for 5 – 8 p.m. on Halloween Night. Recommended safety guidelines from the CDC will be posted on facebook. Winter parking ordinance will resume on November 1, 2020. Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve a business enhancement grant for the McGregor Museum for a canvas awning. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Scott to approve a business enhancement grant for Tom Johnson for façade painting. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

McManus provided cost estimates replacing the sidewalk on 6th st. Sidewalk costs would be \$7,176 less removal of items for tree removal (\$3,600) and storm sewer (\$5,705) representing a savings of \$2,129 on the project. Carroll asked if any efforts are being made to recruit a bank in light of Central State Bank recently announcing the McGregor branch would not reopen. Several contacts and follow-ups have been made and the mayor will also be contacting other firms that might be potential candidates.

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

Lyle J. Troester, Mayor:

Attest:

Lynette L. McManus, City Administrator