

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2021 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 17, 2021** at City Hall with Mayor Pro tem Hallberg presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members in attendance: Echard, Hallberg, Carroll, and Halvorson. Scott was absent. Mayor Troester was also absent.

Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve the Consent Agenda withholding payment of \$4690.00 to Allen Roofing for further discussion. a) Agenda as listed b) Regular Meeting minutes October 20, 2021 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period October 21, 2021 through November 17, 2021 - City- \$118,197.99 Library - \$4,159.75, October 2021 Revenues - \$544,135.50 October 2021 Expenses - \$190,663.16 d) Treasurer's Report for October 2021 e) Board Appointments – Tree Board – Karen Clark – Term Ending 11-15-2023 HPC Non-voting – Joan Burns – Term Ending 09-30-2024 Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Due to the absence of Mayor Lyle Troester and City Clerk Lynette McManus Fire Chief Tom Sauer's Oath of Office is postponed until the December 15, 2021 Council Meeting.

John (Corky) Bickel presented a plaque to Mel Wild president of the McGregor Historical Society in recognition of W.H.C. Ellwell's induction into the National Rivers Hall of Fame. Ellwell lived in McGregor and was the largest and best-know purveyor of freshwater pearls in the world.

Mayor Pro tem Hallberg read a proclamation recognizing and celebrating the centennial of the McGregor Public Library's founding on December 4, 1921. Michelle Pettit of the McGregor Public Library was present to receive a copy of the Proclamation. Michelle provided the Council with a short history of the organization.

Hearing of delegations: None

Police report: Chief Millin informed the Council that he is very short-staffed with the resignation of Officer Kwilinsky. Carroll commented that he has received complaints of truck traffic on Walton Avenue. Chief Millin has not received any complaints and asked Carroll to remind constituents to report incidents to him. Applications are being accepted through December 17 for the vacant position. Officer Ceynar is doing well at the academy. The DARE program is continuing at school.

A public hearing was opened to take comments regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of for the proposed Front Street lift station and force main project. No comments were received and the hearing was closed.

Carroll moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Resolution 01-11-2021 Finally Approving and Confirming Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the Front Street Lift Station and Force Main Project. Roll call vote. Ayes – All Motion carried. Alex Jaromin and Mark Davy of Davy Engineering presented the bid results for the Front Street Lift Station and Force Main Project. Boomerang Corp. of Anamosa was the low bidder with a total bid price of \$508,744.00. Jaromin and Davy spoke with Boomerang officials and have been assured that the equipment necessary at the prices quoted are available to complete the project. DNR construction permitting was received on November 1, 2021. Environmental clearance (IA DNR and SHPO) has not been completed and work cannot begin until that clearance is received. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 02-11-2021 Awarding Contract for the Front Street Lift Station and Force Main Project to Boomerang Corp of Anamosa, IA. Roll call vote: Ayes – All. Motion carried.

Alex Jaromin presented a tentative timeline for the Main Street project. The final Main St/IA-76 plans have been approved/submitted to IADOT. The bid letting date will be 1/19/2022 at 10:00 a.m. The bids will be read by IADOT on BidEx. The City of McGregor will be sent a summary of the bids within a day of the bidding for review and final approval. Alex stressed that detailed timeline of the actual construction and traffic flow cannot be determined until a contractor is chosen.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to ratify previous approval for LMI Housing rehab quotes – 320 Ann Street Roll call vote. Ayes – all. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve Annual Exam for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021. Roll call vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved seconded by Halvorson to approve submission of Application – IA Foundation for Parks and Recreation 2022 Mini-grant - Turner Park Splash Pad. Roll call vote. – Ayes – All. Motion carried.

American Rescue Plan Discussion was tabled until the December 15, 2021 Council meeting to allow input from City Clerk Lynette McManus who was unable to attend today.

Halvorson moved seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 03-11-2021 Urban Renewal Report FY 2021 Ending June 30, 2021. Roll call vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 04-11-2021 Authorizing Internal Advances for Payment of Urban Renewal Projects. Roll call vote. Ayes – All. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 05-11-2021 Approving TIF Certification for FY 2023. Roll call vote. Ayes – All. Motion carried. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 06-11-2021 Authorizing Select Harvest of Ash Trees on Conservation Easements. Roll call vote. Ayes – All. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Echard to approve a Business Enhance Grant Request to Summerhays Properties, LLC at 226 Main Street, McGregor. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

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

Janet Hallberg – Mayor Pro tem

Attest:

Duane Boelman, Deputy City Clerk