

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 18, 2020, 6:30 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 18, 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 October 21, 2020 c) Bills and Claims as presented for period October 22, 2020 through November 18, 2020 - City- \$283,167.61, Library - \$1,853.06, October 2020 Revenues - \$388,308.49, October 2020 Expenses - \$345,223.32 d) Treasurer's Report for October 2020 e) Liquor License Renewals – Latino's and Josie's River Queen. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: Audrey Posten announced that the chamber of commerce will be conducting three interviews on Friday for the position of executive director with the potential to have the position filled by December.

Police report: There have been increased reports of spam/fraud calls over the past several weeks. The department received a grant of \$1,200 from UMGC to purchase an AED unit. Winter parking notices will be posted soon. New guidelines to address COVID have been set out by the governor. Marquette will be increasing their parking fines to \$25 and \$10 for late fees, which McGregor may wish to consider to remain consistent with Marquette. There have been multiple complaints about semis from Bunge traveling through the 5 ton limit area around triangle park.

Echard moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Change Order #2 for the 6<sup>th</sup> St. Box Culvert project in the amount of \$2,089.77. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve Pay Request # 2 for the 6<sup>th</sup> St. Box Culvert project in the amount of \$164,667.73 to Tschiggfrie Excavating Co. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Scott moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Change Order #1 for the FEMA Alternate project in the amount of \$3,950.00. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Scott moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Pay Request #1 for the FEMA Alternate project in the amount of \$27,743.04. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Scott moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 01-11-2020 Approving the 2020 Urban Renewal report. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Scott moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 02-11-2020 Approving Internal Advances of Funds for Payment of Urban Renewal projects. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Hallberg moved, seconded by Echard to approve Resolution 03-11-2020 Approving TIF Certification for FY 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Halvorson moved, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 04-11-2020 Authorizing Submission of a Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program

Grant application to IEDA for the Masonic Block Building. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Council discussed a cost estimate from Iowa Codification for completing an update to the McGregor City Code. The cost to update would be \$4,000 plus cost of additional paper copies or binders as determined by the city. In addition, a cost estimate to provide on-line access through a third party was considered. Without this option, the code would still be provided on a CD for upload to the city web site. Recent changes have made the code more accessible and searchable. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve a contract with Iowa Codification for code updates for \$4,000 with city staff determining how many binders will continue to be maintained. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Council considered a business enhancement grant application from Grumpster's for \$5,000 for sealing the lodging units. Halvorson moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve the application. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Scott moved, seconded by Echard to approve release of mortgages for seven housing program grant recipients to include Wendy Ferguson, Connie Corlett, Delta Stickfort, Betty Gingerich, Dawn Hexom, Kristi Grady, and Jonathan and Cheri Moser. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Council considered a donation request towards a park bench for Mark Laufer, former employee of the city. Carroll moved, seconded by Scott to authorize a contribution of \$75 for the bench. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Results and recommendation from the annual examination for 2020 were discussed. Current actions that have already been initiated and those being developed were provided. Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to approve the FY 2020 Annual Exam. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Council discussed current garbage service contract and billings for overfilling of dumpsters provided as part of the city contract. The contract will expire in April of 2021 so council felt contacting other trash haulers to discuss their service and fees would be wise. RFPs will be sent to Waste Management and other area haulers. Council reviewed a comparison of mayor/council compensation rates from other surrounding communities. Carroll suggested that the mayor pay be increased as it has been several years since that has been raised. An increase of \$300 per year was recommended and will be considered for vote at the December meeting.

Council comments : Echard brought up concerns about outdoor wood stoves for heating. Only one in use currently and due to the fact that the fires tend to burn slowly, significant smoke from the stove lingers in the valley being problematic for those with asthma or other chronic lung conditions. An ordinance from Luana was provided. Council agreed to review other sample ordinances but was not prepared to have anything put into ordinance form at this time.

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