

McGregor Historic Preservation Commission
Monthly Meeting ~ November 11, 2021

The McGregor Historic Preservation Commission met at McGregor City Hall on November 11, 2021. Members attending were President Joseph Brooks, City Representative Duane Boelman, Dave Kneer, Bob Clark, Maureen Wild, Sheila Oberreuter, and Commission Adviser Michelle Pettit.

President Joseph Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Previous Minutes

Approval of October 2021 minutes tabled until next meeting.

Cemetery Walking Tour Report

Joe reported that people were very positive and enjoyed the Pleasant Grove Cemetery Walking Tour. We had good weather for people taking the tour. Joe noted he plans to expand the number of people and plaques next year.

Historic Character Re-enactment Report

Michelle stated there was a good turnout for the "Ghosts of McGregor's Past". It was only one day this year rather than two. This year it was part of the events going on for McGregor's Halloween festival on Saturday, Oct. 30. All the presenters did a great job.

Hardware Store and Alexander Hotel

Duane and Sheila toured the Hardware Store to try to look over the basement structure, which is hard to see because of the collapse of the floor. Jeff Westphal insists on a Master Plan. Duane contacted Cynthia Sweet, Executive Director of the Iowa Museum Association, asking for her guidance for creating a Master Plan. Luis closed Latino's Restaurant in the Alexander Hotel. Duane wrote to Iowa Economic Development asking for firms that can be hired for planning.

Methodist Church

Joe reported he has been looking into insurance for the Methodist Church. He also received a quote that it would be \$5,000 to put in handicapped accessible bathrooms for men and women. The wiring needs to be addressed. Joe received a quote of \$100,000 for an elevator. Joe has replaced some lighting, and has been cleaning in the bell tower, which has many good features. The kitchen and the sanctuary are in good shape.

Demolition Permit

Duane is updating the code. It will be on the December council agenda. Currently there is not anything in the city policy on the demolition of buildings.

Other Business

The McGregor Public Library celebrates 100 years as a public library. (The library formed with its first Library Board in 1922. The current building was built in 1963.) The Mayor will do a proclamation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10p.m. After the meeting Joe gave a tour of the Methodist Church to commission members Maureen, Sheila, Michelle and Duane.

Michelle Pettit, Secretary

Joseph Brooks, President