

McGregor City Council
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

The McGregor City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at City Hall with Mayor Hallberg presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Halvorson, Muehlbauer, Burg, and Bogdonovich in attendance.

The Council reviewed the consent agenda which included the agenda, minutes of the regular meeting on October 20, 2010, special meeting on October 28, bills and claims in the amount of \$71,436.84, the treasurer's report and monthly financial report, and liquor license renewals for Latino's and Old Man River Brewery. Muehlbauer moved to approve the consent agenda. Halvorson seconded. Motion carried, all ayes.

Chief Randy Grady was present to provide information regarding a COPS grant that had been awarded to the MarMac Police Department. Halvorson moved to approve participation in the COPS grant which will add a full time officer with funding provided for three years and department to pay that officer during the 4th year. Burg seconded, motion carried with Halvorson, Collins, Burg and Muehlbauer voting yes, Bogdonovich abstained. The 2011-2012 budget proposal for the police department was also presented. The council took no action and will review further at the budget workshop next month.

The final payment to Skyline Construction for the Ohmer Ridge Subdivision was discussed. Skyline has completed the repairs that were requested to areas that had failed. Halvorson moved to make final payment of retained amount of \$6,587 to Skyline Construction. Seconded by Muehlbauer, carried unanimously. Final payment to Vierbicher Engineering for this project was also included in bills and claims.

Ryan Johnson was present to answer questions regarding the proposed 2011-2012 budget for the Driftless Area Wetlands Centre 28E Board. The Board is requesting \$7,000 from each city. The Council took no action and will discuss further at the budget workshop in December.

Reva Smock made a request to the Council on behalf of the McGregor Historical Society and the McGregor-Marquette Center for the Arts. A holiday festival is being planned in conjunction with the Chamber shopping event scheduled for the weekend of December 3-5. The funds will be used for prizes for the tree decorating and gingerbread house contests and to pay costs of utilities and building use. Burg moved to donate \$400 for the event. Seconded by Muehlbauer, approved unanimously.

Sander provided CEU training that Jason Eulberg is signed up for to meet his requirements to maintain his Wastewater Operator Certification. These classes will need to be completed before the end of March. Sander discussed information regarding drug and alcohol testing. The Council directed her to bring complete information and pricing to the December meeting.

Muehlbauer moved to approve Resolution 01-11-10 authorizing expenditure of TIF funds for Urban Renewal District No. 1 (RWW-Ohmer) for debt service of \$86,323 and \$25,677 of projects. Seconded by Collins, motion carried all aye. Collins moved to approve Resolution 02-11-10 authorizing expenditure of TIF funds for the Downtown Urban Renewal District for \$82,325 debt service, \$5,600 Gerhman rebate agreement, \$7,405 Old Man River Brewery rebate agreement and \$17,500 for projects. Second by Bogdonovich, motion carried unanimously. Muehlbauer moved to approve Resolution 03-11-10 authorizing expenditure of TIF funds for the Turner Park Urban Renewal District for \$10,000 Health Care of Iowa rebate agreement and \$13,500 for projects. Seconded by Burg, motion carried unanimously.

Halvorson informed the Council that Cary Kann is working on drawings for the logo design. He is researching historical information and will make several drawings from which the logo may be selected. Remaining drawing may be used to make light pole banners.

The Council reviewed the annual financial report and Halvorson moved to approve as presented. Second by Burg, carried unanimously.

Attorney Schuster stated that information had been brought to the city regarding a property that the City may be interested in purchasing. Halvorson moved to go into closed session according to Iowa Code 21.5 (j) to discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property. Seconded by Bogdonovich, motion carried unanimously. The Council entered closed session at 7:45 p.m. At the conclusion of closed session, the Council reentered open session at 8:05 p.m.

Muehlbauer discussed the Art Center and how the city helps to fund the organization and if there has been a request from the center in the past. The Council discussed the center's connection to the Great Places initiative and made a request to have a budget presented from the Art Center in December for the Council's review at their budget workshop. Sander provided a copy of the incentive package presented to a potential business venture. Mayor Hallberg informed the Council of discussion held with Jerry Van der Kamp regarding property line corrections and partnering with the city for special use of property during events. More information will be forthcoming.

With business concluded, on motion of Muehlbauer and second by Halvorson the meeting was adjourned.

Lynette L. Sander
City Clerk