

McGregor City Council
Special Meeting
March 10, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

The McGregor City Council met in Special Session on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at City Hall with Mayor Hallberg presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Halvorson, Burg, Muehlbauer, Collins and Bogdonovich in attendance.

A scheduled public hearing was opened to take comments on the proposed 2010-2011 budget. There was no public comment made and the hearing was closed. On motion of Halvorson and second by Muehlbauer the Council approved **Resolution 01-03-10** adopting the 2010-2011 budget with Burg, Muehlbauer, Collins and Halvorson voting aye. Bogdonovich abstained.

Greg Webster addressed the Council to discuss Country on the River which is scheduled to take place the weekend of August 6 & 7 in Prairie du Chien. The event is expected to attract in excess of 15,000 attendees and therefore neighboring towns are being informed of the potential traffic increase that may result. Mike Gillman from the Mar-Mac EMS and Council person Bogdonovich member of the Mar Mac Police discussed their department's knowledge of the event and if there were any concerns. The Council thanked Mr. Webster for keeping them in the loop and if any further issues will need to be decided upon, bring them for consideration at the Mar. 17, 2010 meeting.

Sasha Dull provided the Council with an update of the Great Places projects. The project includes an observation / overlook tower at the old bridge approach and a wetlands center on a portion of the roundhouse property. The next presentation by Shive Hattery will take place on March 22, 2010 at 6:00 at the McGregor City Hall. Council person Burg asked about the Trail of Two Cities, and discussion took place regarding the decision in November 2009 to return \$454,000 in grant money.

The Council reviewed a draft of an agreement to contract with Norman Lincoln for interim consultation. On motion of Halvorson and second by Collins, the Council approved **Resolution 02-03-10** to enter into the consulting agreement with Mr. Lincoln for a period to end on May 1, 2010, up to eight hours per week, at the rate of \$28.00 per hour, with all inquiries from council or attorney to come through the city administrator. All council members voted aye.

The Council entered discussion on complaints made regarding the railroad blocking the crossings into Holiday Shores and blowing the whistles at night. Clerk Sander reported to the Council that Chief Grady had talked to several people at the Chicago office of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. His end contact, Jeff Johnson, had already received a complaint earlier in the day and was looking into the situation. Although he was not the person who handles this region, he assured Chief Grady he would look into and pass the info to the person responsible. If a solution is not arrived at they could potentially schedule a meeting with affected parties at a future date. The Council would like to try to reach a mutual agreement, however, would also like to contact the NTSB to make them aware of the on-going situation.

On motion of Halvorson and second by Bogdonovich the meeting was adjourned.

McGregor City Clerk