

McGregor City Council
Regular Meeting
June 16, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

The McGregor City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, June 16, 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.

The Council reviewed the consent agenda which included the agenda, minutes of the regular meeting on May 19, 2010 and special meeting on May 27, 2010, the treasurer's report and financial report for the month of May, bills and claims in the amount of \$62,575.01, liquor license renewals for Crazy Carl's Silver Dollar Saloon, cigarette permit renewal Kwik Star, and reappointment of Tom Sinclair and Vicki Breitbach to the library board, term ending June 30, 2016. On motion of Muehlbauer and second of Halvorson the consent agenda was approved unanimously. The reappoint of Natalie Heiring to the Great Places 28E Board was tabled. In addition to the bills and claims for the current period the council preapproved payment to Northeast Iowa Silo in the amount of \$5,000 in the current budget and \$5,000 on July 1 for jet crete of the storm sewer to begin next week and final payment of \$1,956.47 to Kelly Creation on July 1 for the balance of the computer equipment.

Bill Nelson from Vierbicher Engineering addressed the council regarding closure of the Walton St. project. Missing documentation has been received from Eastern Iowa Excavating and Concrete so that submission to the D.O.T. for the closeout audit can take place. In addition Mr. Nelson discussed the Ohmer Ridge project. Pay request #4 –final from MZ Construction was reviewed which represents completion of the water portion of the project. On motion of Muehlbauer and second of Halvorson, final payment to MZ Construction in the amount of \$8,099.50 was unanimously approved. Mr. Nelson, staff and street committee met with a representative of Skyline Construction to look at road repairs that must be completed before final payment can be made for the Ohmer Ridge project. Skyline has not scheduled a date to complete the repairs. The council referred the issue to the city attorney to draft a letter to state that if the remaining work does not get completed by June 30, barring weather related delays, the bonding company will be contacted and the retainer withheld.

Sasha Dull gave an update on the Great Places project. A grant in the amount of \$375,000 has been submitted for phase I of the wetlands interpretive center. They are awaiting a the final version of the master plan, but preliminary plan is on display in the Chamber window. The next step will be to begin fund-raising. The group will file for 501C-3 status to have the ability to receive donations to the project. Ms. Dull also gave the Council an update of the activities that the Chamber has undertaken throughout the year.

The Council discussed continuation of the \$400 supplement to the Chamber director's wage. In addition Sander requested approval to pay for two pertinent economic development conferences/workshops for the director. On motion of Muehlbauer seconded by Burg, the council approved continuation of the \$400 supplement of wages for the Chamber Director through June 30, 2011 with the addition of payment for two conferences/workshops for economic development education.

Ms. Dull presented information on the development of web site chamber page links for both the city of McGregor and Marquette. On motion of Halvorson, seconded by Collins, the Council unanimously approved purchase of the required web software, purchase of a 5-year domain license for the city as .com, and hourly rate to Kelley Creation for set up of the sub-link.

On motion of Collins, second by Bogdonovich, Resolution 01-06-10 authorizing transfer of TIF funds from the downtown TIF to pay debt incurred in urban renewal district, was approved unanimously. On motion of Halvorson, second by Collins, Resolution 02-06-10 authorizing transfer of TIF funds from the Turner Park TIF to pay debt incurred in urban renewal district, was approved unanimously. On motion of Bogdonovich, second of Muehlbauer, Resolution 03-06-10 authorizing transfer of TIF funds from the Ridgewood West TIF to pay debt incurred in urban renewal district, was approved unanimously. The Council reviewed resolution 04-06-10 regarding the Luster Heights prisoner work program. On motion of Halvorson and second by Burg, Resolution 04-06-10 entering into a 28E agreement for use of Luster Heights prisoner work program at \$5.00 per day per man was approved with all council voting aye.

The Council reviewed a map provided by First Congregational Church for a route to be used for a chicken BBQ fundraiser to be held on July 25. Cars will be routed down C Street and will enter 5th street by the church, pick up their carryout meals and head back onto Main St.

Further discussion took place regarding the sale of Outlot No. 1 in Ohmer Ridge subdivision. The lot has water and sewer available to it and it over an acre. Those council who did not have the opportunity to look at the lot will do so and the sale will be discussed at a future meeting.

Sander explained ordinance changes needed to the Historic Preservation Commission ordinance in order to be eligible for CLG status. The ordinance will be on the next agenda for consideration as last minute changes had to be made. Additionally, SHPO asked that the ordinance be revised to remove the stipulation that one commission member be a council member. Guidelines for signage within the historic district will also be considered at a future meeting.

Brian Hamann gave his operation report and requested purchase of a mower tractor and another cart that the prisoners can use around town for mowing and odd jobs. A quote for uniform shirts was discussed and the annual allowance for clothing. The personnel committee will discuss and add to the personnel policy that is currently being drafted. A quote for removal of three trees in the amount of \$800 was discussed along with one tree that was not included for removal. On motion of Collins second of Burg, removal of the trees with the inclusion of the fourth tree was approved.

A special meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at 6:30.

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

Lynette L. Sander
City Clerk