

McGregor City Council
Special Meeting
June 23, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

The McGregor City Council met in Special Session on Wednesday, June 23, 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. Collins was absent and excused.

The Council reviewed Ordinance 06-01-10 revising the Historic Preservation Commission Ordinance. Revisions were made that took out the stipulation that one of the seven commission members will be a member of the Council and that added the ability to recommend signage guidelines for properties located within the historic commercial district. On motion of Halvorson and second of Muehlbauer the first reading of the ordinance was approved with all voting aye. Halvorson moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 06-01-10. The motion was seconded by Burg and approved unanimously with all voting aye. Halvorson moved to approve final passage of the ordinance with a second by Bogdonovich. Ordinance 06-01-10 was approved with all voting aye and will become effective with publication.

Discussion was resumed regarding the sale of Outlot 1 in the Ohmer Ridge sub-division. The lot had not been included for sale in the original discussion because at the time it had been held for construction of a water reservoir. The water reservoir has been built in the Ridgewood West Subdivision, so the lot will not be needed for that purpose. Muehlbauer moved to direct the city attorney to prepare the required documents to allow the sale of the lot and to price the lot at \$40,000. The motion was seconded by Halvorson and passed with all aye.

The Council reviewed employee evaluation, self-evaluation and warning notices. On motion of Burg with second by Muehlbauer the forms were approved with all voting aye. Muehlbauer and Burg reported to the Council on recent discussions held by the personnel committee. Currently comp time is allowed to accrue with no limits. Concern was expressed over the amount of money that could potentially be expended to pay out accumulated vacation and comp time should an employee resign from employment with the city. The committee has been working on a draft personnel policy and is recommending a maximum allowed accumulation of comp time at 40 hours. Over the next few months some comp time will be paid out and employees will take steps to use as much of the hours as possible to bring down to 40 hours. If approved with the new personnel policy, comp time will need to be used regularly to keep within the limit of 40 hours.

Mayor Hallberg opened the floor to allow residents the opportunity to discuss topics for consideration by the Council. Carl Hexom asked the status of the flood insurance maps and what could be done to rectify the need for so many residents to carry flood insurance on their properties. Sander explained a map revision request can be made but will require studies to back the request. On another issue, Mr. Hexom asked if the Council would consider allowing snowmobiles access to town to be able to get gas and stop at other businesses. The Council discussed concerns and Mayor Hallberg informed Mr. Hexom he was free to do the leg work to see if area clubs would participate, if the county would

groom the trails, and determine alternate routes for consideration. The Council could then make the decision whether they would allow a proposed route into town.

Maria Brummel informed the Council that the Park Board has scheduled a musical performance in Gazebo Park for July 9th from 7-8 p.m.. The Board hopes to offer one concert a month through October.

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

Lynette L. Sander
City Clerk