

McGregor City Council
Regular Meeting
August 18, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

The McGregor City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, August 18, 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. Dennis Regal, on behalf of American Legion Post 267 and Amvets Post 108, presented the Mayor and Council with new presentation flags for the Council chambers.

The Council reviewed the consent agenda which included the agenda, minutes of the regular meeting on July 14, 2010, bills and claims in the amount of \$43,892.10, the treasurer's report and monthly financial report and liquor license renewal for Pocket City Pub and temporary transfer of license for Post 267 Vets Club for the Fall Art Fest. Halvorson moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of confirmation of the balance owed to Vorwald Enterprises for work on Prospect St. before mailing. Muehlbauer seconded. Motion carried, all ayes.

A scheduled and published public hearing was opened to take comments regarding Resolution 01-07-10 Proposing Disposal of the City's interest in Outlot 1, Ohmer Ridge. No comments were made and the hearing was closed. Muehlbauer made a motion to approve Resolution 01-08-10 Authorizing Disposal of Interest in Property, Outlot 1 Ohmer Ridge. Second by Bogdonovich, motion carried all ayes. Halvorson made a motion to approve Resolution 02-08-10 Authorizing Mayor and Clerk to Accept Offers to Purchase Outlot 1 Ohmer Ridge and Setting Price at \$40,000. The motion was seconded by Burg and carried with all ayes.

Bill Nelson from Vierbicher Engineers discussed the Walton St. project close-out. Dean Wiebke from the Iowa DOT will be providing flagging rates for traffic control costs to be included to complete final quantities and costs. Change orders were sent to the contractor for signatures and must also be signed by the engineer. Mr. Nelson discussed storm water drainage from one of the properties that was to have been hooked into the storm sewer during construction. Research of construction records will be required. Other property owners have expressed interest in connecting into the storm sewer, but those costs were not included in the project and would be the property owner's expense. Todd Steffen addressed the Council on behalf of the Lady Luck Casino. The referendum to allow continued operation in Clayton County will be coming up this fall. Mr. Steffen provided a summary of the various ways in which the casino contributes to the economy of Clayton County.

Sasha Dull, Chamber Director requested street closure around triangle park on August 26th for a visiting car club. The cars will be in town for several hours for lunch and shopping. Ms. Dull also requested sponsorship as fiscal agent for a grant application to UMGC for marketing and advertising for McGregor and Marquette. On motion of Halvorson and second of Bogdonovich, the Council approved the request to serve as the fiscal agent for the Chamber of Commerce application to UMGC.

Darla Kelchen from Clayton County Development Group spoke to the Council regarding the City's participation in the Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund for 2011. A

letter of support is requested in the amount of \$5,000 which would be the City's 25% match. Projects would begin in the Spring of 2011 and payment would not be required until July 2011. Halvorson moved to provide a letter of support in the amount of \$5,000 to the Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Fund for 2011.

Larry Leliefeld from Upper Explorerland discussed comprehensive planning and Smart Planning Principles with the Council. Planning would take place over about 12 months and would involve many different organizations and people within the community. Halvorson moved to approve Resolution 03-08-10 Requesting Assistance from UERPC to complete a comprehensive plan. Motion seconded by Burg and approved all ayes. Bogdonovich made a motion to approve Resolution 04-08-10 Directing the Mayor to Participate in the Small City Sign Program and to apply to receive sign materials from the IA DOT. Seconded by Halvorson, carried all ayes.

The Council discussed two requests for extension of time to build on lots purchased in City owned sub-divisions. Halvorson moved to grant a one-year extension to Jan & Hester van Tonder for Lot 18, Ohmer Ridge with payment of \$2,000 to the City in lieu of taxes. Second made by Bogdonovich, motion carried, all ayes. The extension request for Lot 13 RWW Second was tabled to obtain more information on the intent of the owner. The Council considered bids for heating fuel contracts. Muehlbauer/Bogdonovich moved to approve the bid received from Three Rivers Farm Service at \$1.369 per gallon on 11,500 gallons. Motion carried unanimously.

A CLG Planning for Preservation Grant Application was reviewed by the Council. The grant would provide training for the Historic Preservation Commission members. Halvorson moved to approve the City's match in the amount of \$1,868.00 cash and \$3,484.60 in-kind. Bogdonovich seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Muehlbauer moved to submit a grant application for recycle and litter projects to Keep Iowa Beautiful for dog waste stations and recycle containers. Halvorson seconded, carried unanimously.

Muehlbauer moved to approve Resolution 05-08-10 Authorizing Mayor & Clerk to Sign Release of Escrow on Lot 2 Ohmer Ridge Subdivision. Bogdonovich seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

A quote for Summit municipal software was considered. Modules included are general ledger, bank reconciliation, accounts payable and payroll. Initial investment is \$6550, which includes \$2,300 of training fees. Travel expenses will be charged for training staff and 90 days of support and license fee are at no cost. January 2011 annual renewal fees of \$875 for licensing and support will be due. Burg moved to approve purchase of the Summit Software package and pay the down payment of \$3,275 with submission of the contract. Bogdonovich seconded and motion carried with all ayes.

Bids for street repairs were reviewed and on motion of Muehlbauer and second by Halvorson, the bid from Iverson Construction in the amount of \$47,028.75 was approved unanimously. Vorwald will remove and haul old black top for an additional \$4,020. City can reduce this cost with use of its dump truck.

Motion by Burg and second by Bogdonovich to rebuild Myers Pump at quote of \$4,758. Motion carried, all ayes. A new broom will be purchased for the skid loader at \$568.

The Council authorized application for a city credit card for small purchases and on-line ordering and conference registration. A request for parking bumpers by Holiday Shores was discussed. Since bumpers would not normally be installed, the City agreed to share

the cost with the hotel. Street light poles are in need of painting and council directed clerk to inform the utilities. The Council viewed preliminary work done on the web site which is in its initial set up stage.

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

Lynette L. Sander
City Clerk