

McGregor City Council
Regular Meeting
September 15, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

The McGregor City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at City Hall with Mayor Hallberg presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Halvorson, Muehlbauer, Burg, Collins, and Bogdonovich in attendance.

The Council reviewed the consent agenda which included the agenda, minutes of the regular meeting on August 18, 2010, bills and claims in the amount of \$63,085.62, the treasurer's report and monthly financial report, Historic Preservation Commission appointments, Dave Kneer, Carolyn Scott, and Bob Clark, terms ending 09-30-2013, Communication and 911 Board appointment, Dan Bickel and temporary transfer of license for Old Man River for the October 23, 2010 for October Fest. Halvorson moved to approve the consent agenda. Burg seconded. Motion carried, all ayes.

Bill Nelson from Vierbicher Engineers discussed the Walton St. closeout. He has sent the documentation to DOT and awaits their response that all info is as expected. Mr. Nelson visited with Bonnie Lansing regarding the roof drain that was to have been connected to the storm sewer during the construction project. He recommended a sewer tape be run into the line and the utility use their locator to determine the direction of travel. The cost had not been included in the original work, but was to have been done. At this point, with the project closed, the cost will have to be borne by the City.

The Ohmer Ridge repairs were discussed and attorney Schuster explained to the Council the recent conference calls, followed by inaction. He has sent a letter to the bond company informing them that the City is proceeding with the claim. There is a 20 day performance period ending on October 5, 2010 that must first pass before further action can be taken.

Sasha Dull, Chamber Director, informed the Council that she has accepted other employment and that the ad for the position will run through late September. HPC has requested a city logo be developed before they proceed with the directional signage. Kary Kann is interested in helping with the design.

The Council discussed the results of the meeting held with the Utility Board. Attorney Schuster informed the Council that they are within their rights to ask that the Utilities provide detailed reports and information as requested. A number of questions were raised that Sander will put in a letter to the Utility to obtain the information prior to the October meeting.

Mr. Schuster told the Council that discussions with the Railroad regarding the riverfront are moving slowly. On October 20, he will proceed with the next action that will be necessary to address the issues that exist.

A bid to repair the museum roof for \$1000 with a one year guarantee and the sewer plant roof for \$1,000 with a three-year guarantee was provided by McGregor Roofing. An inspection of the roofs showed that both are in need of repair, however, Sander stated the costs to replace entirely are not in this year's budget and other large repairs in the sewer fund have already been incurred so temporary repairs are being considered. On motion of Muehlbauer and second of Burg the roof repairs will be made by McGregor Roofing with the above terms. Motion carried, unanimously. The museum roof will be included in the 2011-2012 budget and the sewer plant in the following year.

Sewer rates were discussed and how they could be altered to reduce commercial costs. Halvorson moved that Sander prepare a rate study with different scenarios to spread costs out more equitably. Second of Muehlbauer, carried unanimously.

Ray Sporleader addressed the Council with a request for an extension of the lease term for the riverfront as required for an SBA loan. The current term is through 2022 and will need to be extended an additional 8 years through Dec. 31, 2030. Collins moved that Resolution 03-09-10 proposing disposal of property for the McGregor Marina Riverfront Lease Extension and setting a public hearing on September 28, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. be approved. Halvorson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

A request was made by Mr. Watson, owner of Lot 2 in Ohmer Ridge subdivision, about purchasing Lot 3 as a lot not to be built upon. The Council discussed, but is not ready to sell for a vacant lot.

The Council reviewed the 2009-2010 City Street Financial Report. Halvorson moved to approve Resolution 01-09-10 Adopting the 2009-2010 City Street Financial Report. Second by Bogdonovich, motion carried unanimously.

An extension request from Carole Stripe for Lot 13 Ridgewood Second was discussed. At the request of the Council further explanation of future plans for the lot had been submitted. Muehlbauer moved to grant the extension for a fee of \$2,200 in lieu of taxes and legal expenses. Second by Collins, carried unanimously.

Muehlbauer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 09-01-10 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Municipal Infractions. Second by Bogdonovich, carried all ayes. Burg moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 09-01-10. Halvorson seconded, carried all ayes. Muehlbauer moved to waive the third reading and approve passage of Ordinance 09-01-10 Pertaining to Municipal Infractions. Motion carried all ayes. Ordinance will become effective upon publication.

The annual reports for the library and park boards were reviewed. Halvorson moved to approve as presented. Second by Bogdonovich, carried all unanimously.

Halvorson moved to approve Resolution 02-09-10 Supporting Local Comprehensive Planning Grant Application. The grant application is for new smart planning

comprehensive planning and could be used for the work approved for the upcoming year. Bogdonovich seconded, motion carried, all ayes.

Job descriptions for the Public Works Director/Wastewater Superintendent and the Wastewater Operator/Street Maintenance positions were reviewed and minor changes made. Burg moved to approve the job descriptions with the recommended changes, seconded by Muehlbauer, carried unanimously.

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

Lynette L. Sander
City Clerk