

McGregor City Council
Special Meeting
October 13, 2010, 5:00 p.m.

The McGregor City Council met in Special Session on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at City Hall with Mayor Hallberg presiding. Halvorson, Bogdonovich, Collins, Muehlbauer and Burg were in attendance.

The Council discussed information provided by the Utility Board in response to a set of questions compiled as a follow up to the September joint meeting with the Utility. Questions were noted as needed. Collins excused himself from the meeting.

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

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Special Joint Meeting with McGregor Utility Board
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The McGregor City Council met in Special Joint Session with the McGregor Utility Board on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Hallberg presiding. Halvorson, Bogdonovich, Muehlbauer and Burg were in attendance. Collins was absent and excused. Charlie Zahn, Dennis Regal, Doug Farley, Craig Strutt, and Mike Eilers were present to represent the Utility Board. Also in attendance from the utilities were Kris Eulberg and Bob Corlett.

Mayor Hallberg welcomed the Utility Board and reiterated the Council's commitment to continue to examine those issues that have been under discussion between the utilities and city and to work to resolve any concerns brought to light. She thanked the utility for providing their responses for the Council's review.

The Council requested clarification to several of the responses received to their questions. The questions that had been asked were related to personnel, potential to share duties, consolidation of benefit programs to provide economies of scale, customer service topics, incentives for economic development, and cooperative planning for long range capital projects.

The Utility went over a binder of information provided to the Council that addressed previous concerns over rate discrepancies with other service providers. Concern was raised at the September joint meeting over the high cost of electric for businesses. Roger Knott had provided information he had obtained from Alliant Energy that compared the MMU rate to Alliant. The binder explained that an important component of the Alliant

rate had not been included, and therefore the rate savings would only be about \$9.00. Comparisons were included for neighboring city rates for all services and for property taxes, which showed that McGregor is competitive in most instances. The binder is available for review at the utilities or city hall.

Formation of a committee to continue discussion between utilities and city was brought up. Two representatives of the utility, city and citizens will be selected to serve.

A letter of introduction from Pat Callahan, Snyder Engineering, and a proposal for a rate study for sewer, garbage and storm sewer was discussed. Mr. Callahan is a consultant who has also managed an electric utility. His company could also review the electric/water rate structure if the utility is interested, and can provide 28E agreements between the utility and city. The Council asked if the utility would be interested in attending a presentation by Mr. Callahan to discuss the services. The committee representatives will attend on the utilities behalf.

On motion of Muehlbauer and second of Burg, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

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