

McGregor City Council
Regular Meeting
October 20, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

The McGregor City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, October 20, 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.

The Council reviewed the consent agenda which included the agenda, minutes of the special joint meeting with the utilities on September 13, 2010, regular meeting on September 15, special meeting on September 28, special meeting on October 13, and joint special meeting on October 13, bills and claims in the amount of \$122,907.29, the treasurer's report and monthly financial report, Planning and Zoning Board appointments, Harold Brooks and Larry Brummel, terms ending 10-26-2015, liquor license renewals for Josey's River Queen and Kwik Star, and closure of sidewalk in front of Old Man River on October 23. Muehlbauer asked that the payment of \$400 to the Chamber, which was approved to supplement the wage of Sasha Dull, be taken out of the bills and claims for further discussion. Muehlbauer moved to approve the consent agenda. Halvorson seconded. Motion carried, all ayes.

Patti Campbell, president of the Chamber of Commerce, introduced the new director, Rachel Smith. She replaces Sasha Dull as of October 7, 2010. Ms. Campbell explained that the board realized that the supplement to wages for the previous director would now be terminated.

Ray Sporleder thanked the council for the assistance provided by the city employees and other volunteer organizations during the recent flood.

Ohmer Ridge repairs are to begin on October 21 and the black top patches will be completed by Iverson the next week. The engineer and public works director will be at the site to oversee the work. Storm water connection at Bonnie Lansing property will be completed by the city employees. Schuster updated the Council on the status of property ownership issues that are trying to be resolved with the railroad. There has been little cooperation by the railroad to resolve the issue. Halvorson moved to direct attorney Schuster to proceed with a quiet claim title action against the railroad. Burg seconded, motion carried unanimously.

The Council discussed the steps for designing a new logo for the city. Sander had followed through on previous contacts made by Ms. Dull with Kari Kann who could provide the art work. Mr. Kann will charge \$15 per hour to come up with designs. Halvorson stated that the Historic Preservation Commission had discussed a logo/slogan contest at an earlier meeting. Council directed HPC to develop plan for a contest and bring to next council meeting for approval.

Dr. Smith Daycare has requested traffic control in the alley near the exit from the back door to the playground. Hamann will install stop signs at each end of the play area along the alley, slow children playing and 5 MPH speed limit signs. This method will be tried first to see if additional steps are required.

The Council discussed Resolution 01-10-10 providing local match up to \$225,000 for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant for storm water work. Sander stated that she had spent the day with eight representatives of FEMA and URS, the consulting firm working with FEMA. Bill Nelson also was present to answer design questions and to take requests for further information. The revised project total is \$1,171,985. Halvorson moved to approve Resolution 01-10-10 to provide local match up to \$225,000 for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant. Motion seconded by Muehlbauer, carried unanimously.

Sander explained an application being prepared to Living Roadways Community Visioning Program. The visioning contemplated would be for planning of the riverfront area, Triangle Park and entry signage. Halvorson moved to approve Resolution 03-10-10 committing \$2,000 towards implementation of a project concept that is developed during the visioning program. Bogdonovich seconded the motion, carried all aye.

Motion by Halvorson and second by Burg to approve the annual report for the Dock Commission for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor reminded council members of the requirement to be NIMS 100 and 700 trained and a free training session to be held on November 18, 2010. The training may also be taken online.

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

Lynette L. Sander
City Clerk