

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING  
JANUARY 26, 2022 5:45 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Special Session at 5:45 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 26, 2022** at City Hall with Mayor Lyle Troester presiding. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members attending in person: Scott, Carroll, Wild, Echard, and Hallberg.

Scott moved, seconded by Carroll to approve a use permit for Nauti Marina for use of riverfront city parking lot on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 12 p.m. to midnight for a grand opening event. Music will run from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Council reviewed preliminary financing calculations for the Main Street Project. The DOT bid was approximately \$7.5 million which would bring the entire project with work at the wastewater plant, lift station, planning and design, construction engineering to approximately \$11.25 million. The financial advisor had also presented calculations to remove the wastewater plant screen from the project, leaving the control panel replacement, which is critical. The screen has not been bid yet and could be bid at the conclusion of the Main Street portion if costs do not exceed the bid amount and there is adequate funding remaining. There will be two loans to accommodate specific elements of the loan for construction completion and timing of first billing from the IDOT.

The budget planning documents were reviewed by the council. The max tax levy form was provided with a 5.03% increase over the current budget. This increase is related to increased property/liability insurance costs, addition of a part time employee and employee benefit costs for health insurance, FICA and IPERS. The max levy without debt service and library levy which is not included information on this form is \$12.82833 per \$1,000 of valuation. The council was also provided the proposed full levy with debt service and library levy added if \$21,000 of Debt Service Reserves were expended. That final rate would be \$14.0790 which is approximately .008 under the current budget year levy.

Council reviewed wage calculations using 3% increase, cost for annual exam, master plan costs, tourism and economic development considerations, projected fund balances through June of 2023, TIF revenues and expenditures, and debt balances as of July 1, 2022, debt service payments and projected balances as of June 30, 2023. All current debt issues will be maturing in 2023 and 2024. Council discussed funding for fall arts and crafts to be held at Turner Park. The art center will be organizing the event. Art center and chamber will each be budgeted for \$15,000. Agreements for agencies receiving city funds will be finalized with the amounts determined by council. A proposal for concept design to submit to the Corps of Engineers for a jetty at the riverfront was considered. Dock Commission and city will share the cost of \$7,800 equally.

Echard moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve Resolution 06-01-2022 Approving Scope of Work and Contract with MSA Professional Services for an amount of \$30,000 to complete a Community Master Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. Scott moved, seconded by

Carroll to approve addendum to cooperative agreement for Main Street Project. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Scott moved, seconded by Echard to set a public hearing date for consideration of the proposed max tax levy of 12.82833 for February 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

With business concluded, Echard moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Carroll Ayes – All. Meeting adjourned.

Lyle J. Troester, Mayor:

Attest:

Lynette L. McManus, City Administrator