

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2021 6:00 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 27, 2021** at City Hall with Mayor Lyle Troester presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members attending in person: Scott, Carroll, Halvorson, Echard, and Hallberg. Due to COVID 19 guidelines released by the CDC, and federal and state government the meeting was held electronically to help combat the spread of the virus. Social distancing was in place for those in attendance with public access limited to meet the prescribed guidelines. Public access was provided via Zoom.

A public hearing was opened to take comments regarding the proposed perpetual easement with Bunge for Lot 4, Block 2 of Original Town of McGregor. The easement is sought in conjunction with the Main Street Sewer replacement and will be used to construct a lift station. No comments were received and the hearing was closed.

Halvorson moved, seconded by Scott to approve Resolution 03-01-2021 Authorizing Perpetual Easement Agreement Between Bunge North America, Inc, and the City of McGregor. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Council discussed projects that are ongoing and those still in the planning stage. The FEMA 4334 Alternate Project is scheduled for completion this spring. Planning for the Main Street Project continues with the historical review complete at the federal level and now at state SHPO office. The IDOT engineer is currently reviewing and has asked for plan revisions to include additional changes to the storm sewer design. This will add about \$200,000 to the current project. Turner Park Splash Pad Phase II to finish installation of the remaining above ground features will be discussed with the possible addition of electrical repairs to the ballfield lights.

The budget planning documents were reviewed by the council. The max tax levy form was provided with a 1.99% increase over the current budget. This increase is related to increased property/liability insurance costs 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 \$12.45108 per \$1,000 of valuation. The council was also provided t the proposed full levy with debt service and library levy added if \$10,000 of Debt Service Reserves were expended. That final rate would be \$14.07900 which is approximately .03 under the current budget year levy.

Council reviewed wage calculations using 3% increase, cost for annual exam or if needed a single audit, utility rate increase as defined in the ordinance, economic development considerations, projected fund balances through June of 2022, TIF revenues and expenditures, and debt balances as of July 1, 2021, debt service payments and projected balances as of June 30, 2022. Transfers to include were also presented. All information is preliminary as capital projects had not been included in the budget workbook.

Carroll moved, seconded by Echard to set a public hearing date for consideration of the proposed max tax levy of 12.45108 for February 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

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

Lyle J. Troester, Mayor:

Attest:

Lynette L. McManus, City Administrator