

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP
JANUARY 29, 2020 6:00 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 29, 2020** at City Hall with Mayor Troester presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Hallberg, Carroll, Echard, Halvorson, and Scott.

Council considered a pledge to Clayton County Marketing Campaign. Last year's pledge was \$1,000. After brief discussion Scott moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve the 2021 pledge in the amount of \$1,000. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

City Administrator McManus presented preliminary budget preparations. Projects under discussion are the FEMA alternate project on Ash Street and two A St inlets, the 6th street bridge replacement grant, Main Street sewer/water replacement project, and the Turner Park Splash Pad project.

The 6th St bridge project local match will use the remaining funds from the note for the 4th Street project. That loan allows expenditures for street, sidewalk, sanitary sewer, water system, storm water drainage and box culvert improvements so the 6th St. project may be funded with the remaining proceeds of that loan. The project is currently in the process of developing an MOA for historic mitigation. Signage, salvaging any usable stone from the abutments and faux stone transition from the channel to the culvert are being worked into the agreement. The Alternate project design will begin soon and from the original opinion of cost revisions will be made to bring the cost down.

The Turner Park Splash pad project was discussed. Currently there is approximately \$41,000 in donations held in the Turner Park savings with fundraising ongoing. Grant funds have been secured from several sources, Marquette's contribution to the project of \$20,000, and additional grants are being submitted. The city has committed to this point, \$70,000. Future grant awards and additional city funding will determine if both phases of the splash pad and the restroom will be completed this summer or if only the first phase of the splash pad.

Wage calculations provided were completed at 3% for inclusion in the budget. All other budget inclusions were provided to the council to include the updated department requests for equipment and building repairs, and police, library, docks, and other agency requests. Art Center, music/movies in the park, marketing, and CC Development have been moved to special revenue funds using Local Option and Hotel Motel tax revenues. Debt service calculations were provided that used a portion of reserve in addition to a slightly lower levee. Carroll asked to see the year of maturity on bonds and loans – most are paid off by June of 2023. The preliminary budget will be presented at the February 19 meeting and the hearing scheduled for March 18 meeting. Recent changes by the state to budget requirements have moved the filing deadline ahead to March 31.

McManus provided the council with the proposed maximum levy information and in addition showed the council what the full levy will be after inclusion of voted library levy, ag and debt

service using the calculation of debt service as provided. The maximum levy amount would be \$12.37386 per thousand of valuation which is below the percent of increase allowed without a super majority vote of the council. McManus explained that this was possible due to the recent adoption of the health insurance stipend for those with alternate coverage. Halvorson moved, seconded by Scott to set the hearing date for the maximum tax levy for the February 19, 2020 meeting at 6:30. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried. McManus explained that following the hearing on February 19 the council will consider a a resolution to approve the maximum tax levy and will then set the hearing date for the March meeting for the full proposed budget. That levy will be higher because it will include the additional levies that are not included in the maximum levy. That amount as currently projected is \$14.10813 per thousand of valuation.

With no further business to conduct Carroll moved, second by Halvorson to adjourn the meeting.

Lyle J. Troester, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynette L. Sander
City Administrator