

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 6, 2019 6:00 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019** 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 Muehlbauer.

City Administrator Sander presented preliminary budget preparations. Projects under discussion are the pending decision on the pedestrian bridge with higher than anticipated bids, the 6th street bridge replacement grant, investigation of main street from A St to B St. and 2nd street water, sewer, storm sewer and street construction for future replacement, 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. It was determined that the sewer main on 6th Street should be televised to see if replacement would be wise as the road surface also needs to be corrected. This can be bid at the same time as the project, but outside the scope of the grant. The DOT agreement and the engineering contract will be on the February 20 meeting agenda. Council discussed the pedestrian bridge and determined that if no additional info is available from FEMA by the February 20 meeting that they will most likely de-obligate the project. Perhaps there will be future trail grants that could be sought as a connection to Pikes Peak trail system.

The infrastructure committee will meet with the Public Works Director, City Administrator and the engineer to research completing a section of Main Street sewer, storm sewer and streets to correct issues in that section of infrastructure. Carroll felt this should be considered a future project when debt has been paid off. Several concerns exist in this area so preliminary discussions will take place.

The Turner Park Splash pad project was discussed. Currently there is approximately \$29,000 in donations held in the Turner Park savings with fundraising ongoing. Sander will be submitting grant applications in this year with construction in 2020. Grant match contribution from the city was discussed with an amount to be determined for placement in the budget. Mayor Troester felt that the city should contribute enough to get the project done. There was mention by several council members and the mayor of the swimming pool fund that had been raised in previous years. It was suggested that perhaps this fund could be used to assist with the project since this is as close to a pool as McGregor will get and the pool was to have been in Turner Park. Many people have raised the question about that fund. It is unknown what the status of the pool fund is as no reports have been made available to the council or to the Turner Park committee.

The amount to be levied for debt service for repayment of principal and interest was reviewed with two options shown and the effect the amounts had on the levy. Road Use Tax, Local Option Street and Storm Sewer funds will be spent for payment of the wheel loader lease. Preliminary projects for TIF revenue are \$46,138 for debt service, \$7,525 for rebate agreements,

and \$152,589 for reimbursement of internal loans for projects. The employee benefit levy has increased by approximately \$2,000 and the insurance levy increased slightly.

The council requested the debt service amount be adjusted to keep the levy near but not below the current levy which is 14.32211 per thousand. Wage calculations were completed at 3% for inclusion in the budget. Wages are finalized in June when the wage resolution goes before the council. All other budget inclusions were provided to the council to include the updated department requests for equipment and building repairs, and police, library, and other agency requests. The preliminary budget will be presented at the February 20 meeting and the hearing scheduled for March 13 meeting. The March 13 meeting is rescheduled from the March 20 regular meeting to accommodate the budget filing deadline.

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

Lyle J. Troester, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynette L. Sander
City Administrator