

McGregor City Council  
Special Meeting-Budget Workshop  
January 30, 2014

The McGregor City Council met in Special Session on Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Brooks presiding. Collins, Muehlbauer, Halvorson, Hallberg and Carroll were in attendance.

Carroll moved, seconded by Muehlbauer to approve Resolution 04-01-2014 Appointing Harold Brooks and Lynette Sander as representative/alternate to the Clayton County Emergency Management Commission. Roll call vote: Ayes- all. Motion carried. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Halvorson to approve Resolution 05-01-2014 Appointing Dan Bickel and Jerry Thornton as representative/alternate for the E-911 Service Board. Roll call vote: Ayes-all. Motion carried. Collins moved, second by Carroll to approve Resolution 06-01-2014 Proposing Vacation and Disposal of a Portion of Church Street and to set the public hearing date for 6:30 p.m. on February 19, 2014 at City Hall. Roll call vote: Ayes – all. Motion carried.

Halvorson informed the mayor and council of the dedication plans for the riverfront walkway. She has been in contact with the Pfeiffer family regarding details. Signage pricing and content will be brought to a future meeting. Tentative date is May 10 which should be finalized soon.

Council discussed hiring of a new employee to fill the part-time position for grounds and streets maintenance. Previously the position was for 24 hours per week. There was discussion about whether or not this position was needed and if it would have to be for 24 hours per week. Council decided that with the impending FEMA and sewer/water projects that should begin this summer that the additional help will be needed. Consensus was that this should be a flexible position that could be less than the 24 hours and on occasion could be more than 24 in cases of snow or emergency. Help wanted ad will be placed with applications accepted until February 28 so that interviews are complete the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March for hiring at the March 10 meeting and start date of April 1.

The Council began discussion of the 2014-2015 budget. Sander provided a summary of items that require consideration for inclusion in the budget. Agency funding will remain the same as the current budget. Topics of discussion for the police commission and future budgeting were discussed with the Mayor asking council to bring their ideas to the February meeting. Wage and benefits projection was discussed, with optional plans for consideration. Housing programs will be reviewed in February and participation will continue in the NEIRHTF. FEMA storm water project and the sewer/water project will begin this summer. Mussel study is being planned for summer and riverfront dredging to follow in November. Sewer extensions are planned for W. Spring St, Cross St. and Lot 19 of Ohmer Ridge. Equipment replacement necessary is the orange pickup, skid loader and mower. Sander recommended limiting other projects this year because of the start up of the three large projects. Water and sewer replacement on Second street from the post office to the bottom of the hill was added to the urban renewal plan in 2012/2013 with work not scheduled last summer due to the June storm and many repairs needed as a result. If funds in the current budget will allow it that work will be completed. Although preliminary the levy projection will remain very close to 2013-2014 rate. Council discussed the art center

funding and felt that a small reduction to the request should be made, but they also reaffirmed their continued support for the organization. The final budget will be presented on February 19 and the hearing date for final approval set for March 10.

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

Lynette L. Sander  
City Clerk