

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2016 6:00 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 3, 2016** at City Hall with Mayor Brooks presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Hallberg, Carroll, Echard, and Muehlbauer. Halvorson arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Robert Vavra was present to address the council regarding his proposed plan for the 2016 season. He thanked McGregor for allowing him to operate his excursion boat from the riverfront. 2015 was a good season for the Maiden Voyage with 236 trips out and back being made. He served 999 children and 4,096 adults with river tours. In 2016 he is proposing locating a converted houseboat, the Sucker Shack, perpendicular to the shoreline just north of the public docks. This will contain a commercial kitchen for preparing food for his catered excursions, storage area, and an area for selling trinkets. He is proposing running electric to the dock at his own cost to add a security light. The city may wish to run wiring for future installation of electric at the public docks. Mayor and Council expressed their support of the project and directed Mr. Vavra to contact the dock commission to schedule a meeting.

City Administrator Sander presented preliminary budget preparations and asked the Council for input on agency funding with amounts to remain the same as last year. The art center request for \$10,000 was discussed. Council wishes to continue with that level of support and expressed their appreciation for the accomplishments of the board and all involved. The request from Clayton County Historic Preservation to assist with cost for restoration of the clock tower on the court house was discussed. Council felt that they did not want to commit at this time, but would consider a request in association with a grant application that requires local match. Sander will send an email to the Commission. A contingency amount of \$7,000 will be added to the budget as requested by the Dock Commission for walkway installation in case of cost overruns.

The Council agreed that \$5,000 pledge should be made to NEIRHTF for the 2017 housing projects. Wage calculations included a projected 3% pay increase which will be determined in June for fiscal 2017. The need for replacement picnic tables was considered. Council person Hallberg stated that the Turner Park committee would include the recycled tables in their fundraising. The park board would like to add six new coated tables at the riverfront. Council requested that two be purchased in the current budget and include four in the 2017 budget. New tables for Triangle Park will need to be offered for memorials or through fundraising. Projects, equipment replacement, transfers and debt service items are still being estimated. Projects will be at a minimum this summer due to the FEMA work starting early spring and having to be completed by November. The currently proposed levy certification page was shown with a levy of \$14.08811 per thousand which is slightly under a ten cent increase.

With no further business to conduct Muehlbauer moved, second by Echard to adjourn the meeting.

Harold W. Brooks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynette L. Sander
City Administrator