

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 1, 2017 6:00 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 1, 2017** 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 was absent.

The council considered a request from Jones for pay out of 80 hours of compensatory time. Carroll suggested that only 40 hours be paid. The crews have been told to get their hours down, and have been working at using the comp time, but it has been difficult. Muehlbauer moved, seconded by Hallberg to approve pay out of 80 hours of comp time. Roll call vote: Ayes: Hallberg, Echard, and Muehlbauer. Nays: Carroll. Motion carried.

City Administrator Sander presented preliminary budget preparations. Projects being planned for 2017 include Ash Street and the 4th Street bridge replacement. Quotes are being sought for a combined concession stand/rest room building for Turner Park. This option had been suggested at a previous meeting due to the condition of the rest rooms. These projects will be included in the budget as an estimate, with Ash Street work to be paid for from reserves held from current year revenues. Planning for this year's building maintenance includes fire department electrical work, replacing the last of the city's garage doors at the main shop, and painting city hall. We are working with the fire department, library, day care, and museum to develop a project list for the next five years. Debt service was calculated with anticipation of the note for the 4th St. & A Street improvements. Calculations were provided for three repayment options. The five year amortization with interest at 2.45% through Central State Bank was included for debt service as an example of its effects on the property tax levy. In the 2018 budget, \$30,000 of the note payment will come from storm sewer fees and the remainder from debt service. As presented the levy will be 13.78760 per thousand which is a decrease of .30051 from the current year's levy. The note will be GO and will allow repayment from the council's choice of funds which may also include debt service levy. Council preferred the five year repayment schedule and instructed that be left in the budget as shown. Wage calculations were completed at 3% for inclusion in the budget. Wages are not finalized until June when the wage resolution goes before the council. All other budget inclusions as discussed in December and January were shown. The preliminary budget will be presented at the February 15 meeting and the hearing scheduled for the March 8 meeting. The March 8 meeting is rescheduled from the March 15 regular meeting to accommodate the budget filing deadline.

The personnel committee informed the council that follow up interviews of two applicants had been completed just prior to the start of this council meeting. A hiring recommendation for the economic development position will be made at the next regular meeting.

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