

**MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP
JANUARY 31, 2018 6:00 P.M.**

The MCGREGOR CITY COUNCIL met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 31, 2018** at City Hall with Mayor Brooks 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 consideration for 2018 include replacement of the pedestrian bridge, Ash Street inlets behind Bickel insurance at the Rubidoux, storm water inlet corner of 1st and A Street, 2nd street water, sewer, storm sewer and street construction, and West Spring St water, sewer and street construction.

\$56,661 will be levied as debt service for repayment of principal and interest, \$23,468.00 of garbage reserves will be spent for payment of the wheel loader lease. Preliminary projects for TIF revenue are \$43,490 for debt service, \$7,300 for rebate agreements, and \$103,779 for reimbursement of internal loans for projects. The employee benefit levy has increased by approximately \$12,000 with about 75 percent of the increase a result of significant health insurance rate increases for the police department. Carroll asked police commission members to begin review of other health insurance options such as offering only a single plan for the next renewal period.

With proposed debt service amount, insurance, and employee benefits, the preliminary levy as presented will be 14.32211 per thousand which is an increase of .53451 from the current year's levy. Wage calculations were completed at 3% for inclusion in the budget. Wages are finalized in June when the wage resolution goes before the council. Contract revisions were discussed for the city administrator. All other budget inclusions were provided to the council to include the updated long range project plan, department requests for equipment and building repairs, and police, library, and other agency requests. Replacement vehicles were discussed and it was determined that there will need to be prioritization of what must be purchased this year. The preliminary budget will be presented at the February 21 meeting and the hearing scheduled for March 12 meeting. The March 12 meeting is rescheduled from the March 21 regular meeting to accommodate the budget filing deadline.

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