Minutes

Town of Hideout Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing December 09, 2021

The Town Council of Hideout, Wasatch County, Utah met in CDBG Public Hearing on December 09, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

ELECTRONIC ONLY - NO ACCOMMODATION FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

Public Hearing

I. Call to Order

1. No Anchor Site Determination Letter

Mayor Rubin called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and reminded participants there was no anchor site due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

II. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Phil Rubin

Council Member Chris Baier Council Member Carol Haselton Council Member Sheri Jacobs Council Member Ralph Severini

Excused: Council Member Bob Nadelberg

Staff Present: Town Attorneys Polly McLean and Cameron Platt

Town Administrator Jan McCosh Town Planner Thomas Eddington

Director of Engineering and Public Works Timm Dixon

Town Engineer Ryan Taylor
Town Clerk Alicia Fairbourne

Others Present: Troy Morgan, Abi Kau (T-O Engineers), Nate Brockbank, Jess Bedingfield, Heather Kruse, Ashley Burr, Paula Eldredge, Jack Walkenhorst and others who may have logged in using a partial name or using only a phone number.

III. Agenda Items

1. Provide citizens with pertinent information about the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and allow discussion of possible applications for the 2022 funding cycle

Director of Engineering and Public Works Timm Dixon introduced Jess Bedingfield, who was the point of contact for Mountainland.

Ms. Bedingfield provided an overview of the CDBG program. It was a federal program in which the State of Utah received funding to distribute to the seven (7) Association of Government (AOG) regions. The projects were to benefit low to moderate-income (LMI) persons. In the past, the funds have been used to supplement water and sewer projects in LMI communities.

Mayor Rubin asked how Hideout qualified for an LMI grant. Ms. Bedingfield explained it was based off census data, or an LMI survey could be conducted within the community. Mr. Dixon explained some of the water and sewer improvements may qualify, as well as constructing a pedestrian access over SR-248 to connect the two sides of the Town. He stated based on which type of project was chosen, an LMI survey may not be necessary.

Ms. Bedingfield explained the purpose of the public hearing was to provide members of the community an opportunity to ask for a project which they would like Council to consider either this year or going forward.

Council Member Baier thanked Ms. Bedingfield and Mr. Dixon for their work on the grant. She was passionate about getting pedestrians from one side of the Town to the other safely. She inquired of the application process and how well-defined the project must be in order to be considered. Ms. Bedingfield stated the project should be fairly well-defined with specifics mapped out and estimates of cost for each project. She further explained the applications would get further into detail as the application process moved along. Mr. Dixon explained this public hearing was the first step of many. He mentioned several other projects Mayor Rubin had tasked him with to find funding for.

Council Member Severini asked if there was a threshold on the amount of money the Town could apply for. Ms. Bedingfield explained if the Town were to contribute matching funds, the maximum amount awarded could be up to three-hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) per project based on the Town's scoring. However, the state did not consider projects with a cost of under thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars.

Council Member Haselton inquired if street lighting would be considered. Ms. Bedingfield clarified if it were for the crosswalk entrance it may be considered, but lighting for the major entrance into Hideout possibly would not qualify unless it could be tied into the project. She mentioned there may be other grants which could be applied for which may cover that type of street lighting.

Council Member Jacobs asked if parks and trails would be covered under this grant. Ms. Bedingfield stated depending on the project it could qualify for funding. For example, if land were purchased which would directly benefit LMI housing residents, it may qualify. However, it would only cover the building cost, not maintenance costs.

There being no further questions from Council, at 6:15 p.m. Mayor Rubin opened the floor for public input.

There were no comments from the public. Mayor Rubin closed public input at 6:16 p.m. and thanked Ms. Bedingfield and Mr. Dixon for their work on applying for the grant.

Council Member Severini asked if details for the public to submit their ideas for potential projects could be noticed on the Town's website. Mr. Dixon and Town Clerk Alicia Fairbourne would put a notice on the website.

IV. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Rubin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Council Member Haselton moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Severini made the second. None opposed.

Alicia Fairbourne

Town Clerk

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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