

Regular Council Meeting
March 9th, 2021
PUBLIC HEARING-CDBG PAVING PROJECT
4:30 P.M.
Regular Council Meeting
5:00 PM

- Public Hearing was conducted for the Community Development Block Grant on March 9, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at the Piedmont City Hall. As part of the hearing process, citizens verbally answered questions to complete a Community Needs Assessment document.

The city's proposed project consists of paving and street repairs, drainage, and ditching on sections of Cherry Street, Barnes Street, Fourth Street, Eckles Street, French Street, Apache Drive, Green Street, First Street, Beckville Road, Scenic View Lane, Big Ben Blvd, South Main, Daniels Street, Sheryl Street, Corrigan Street, Park Street, Second Street, West Green Street, West Piety Street, West Fir Street, Sixth Street, Sparks Street, Chippewa Drive, Town & Country Drive, Sunny Hill Drive, and Third Street. All city residents will benefit from the project, which is estimated to cost approximately \$620,000. The city will provide approximately \$120,000 in local match. The city proposes to apply for approximately \$500,000 in CDBG Funding. At least 51% of the funds will be used to benefit low-and moderate income persons.

- The Piedmont City Council met in regular session on March 9, 2021 at Piedmont City Hall. Those in attendance were as follows: Aldermen Brian Tutterrow, Scot Tucker, Alderwoman Karin Townsend, City Treasurer Dennis Ross, City Attorney Bob Ramshur, and City Clerk Tammy Thurman. Mayor Pro-tem Scot Tucker presided over the meeting.

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- Mayor Pro-tem Tucker listed the following items for consideration:

1. Call to order and welcome guest.
2. Approve minutes from the previous meetings:
 - a) February 9th, 2021 regular council meeting
 - b) February 9th, 2021 executive session
3. Amend the budget if necessary
4. Approve accounts payable for March 2021
5. Select Grant Administrator for the CDBG Paving Project
6. Select Engineering Firm for the CDBG Paving Project
7. Discuss and approve Ordinance 2021-06 for the purpose of amending the water and sewer rates minimums for customers of the city water and sewer system
8. Discuss an approve raises for elected officials
9. Approve training/meeting and traveling costs for the Piedmont Police Department
10. Miscellaneous
11. Retire into executive session
12. Adjourn both meetings

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1. Mayor Pro-tem Tucker called the meeting to order and welcomed the following guests: Chief of Police Richard Sanders, City Collector Bill McMurry, City Secretary Kathy Street, Andrew Murphy with the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, Kurt DiCiro with Smith and Company, Frank Teiphenbrock, Linda Palmer, Janet Loucks, Bethel Wymore, Joan Jacobs, Betty Wildman, and Charles Edwards.

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2. Mayor Pro-tem Tucker called for a motion to approve the minutes of the council meetings in February of 2021.

Alderman Tutterrow made the motion to approve the following minutes: February 9th, 2021 regular council meeting, and February 9th, 2021 executive session. Alderwoman Townsend seconded the motion and it carried.

Alderman Tutterrow	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent

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3. City Treasurer, Dennis Ross, stated that there was no need to amend the budget at this time.

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4. Mayor Pro-tem Tucker called for a motion to approve the accounts payable for March 2021.

Alderman Tutterrow made the motion, second by Alderwoman Townsend to approve accounts payable for March 2021, Posting Journals 3759-3766 in the amount of \$105,724.32. The motion carried.

Alderman Tutterrow	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent

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5. Mayor Pro-tem Tucker informed the council that Request for Proposals for Professional Grant Administration Services were solicited for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for street paving. Twenty-two Grant Administrators were notified with only one firm responding, the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission of Poplar Bluff, Missouri. The OFRPC received an evaluation of 556 out of 600, 600 being the highest score obtainable. Since one set of proposals were received, (the grant requires at least three) the city must request a procurement waiver o select the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission as the project administrator for the paving project.

Alderwoman Townsend made the motion, seconded by Alderman Tutterrow to select the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission as the CDBG Paving Project Grant Administrator contingent upon the approval of the funding agency. The motion carried.

Alderman Tutterrow	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent

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6. Mayor Pro-tem Tucker informed the council that Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services were solicited for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for street paving. Twenty-one engineering services were notified with only two firms responding: Smith and Company of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and VonArx Engineering of Hillsboro, Missouri. Smith and Company received an evaluation of 576 out of 600, and Vonarx Engineering received an evaluation of 321 out of 600. Since the city received fewer than three sets of qualifications in response to our solicitations, we must seek approval from the department of our procurement procedures.

Alderman Townsend made the motion, seconded by Alderman Tutterrow to select Smith and Company as our engineering firm for the CDBG paving grant contingent upon the approval of the funding agency. The motion carried.

Alderman Tutterrow	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent

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7. City Attorney, Bob Ramshur, stated that Ordinance 2021-06 was approved at the February Council meeting. A new vote will not be needed.
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8. Alderman Townsend made the motion, seconded by Alderman Tutterrow not to increase the base pay of any elected official this year, but the CPI of 1.4% will be granted according to Chapter 115, Section 115.060 Sub-Section B of the Piedmont City Code. The motion carried.

Alderman Tutterrow	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent

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9. Alderman Townsend made the motion, seconded by Alderman Tutterrow to approve the MNOA Spring 2021 Training for one Police Officer from March 31-April 2, 2021 in Springfield, Missouri.

Alderman Allen	Absent	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderman Tutterrow	Aye	Alderman Townsend	Aye

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10. Mayor Pro-tem Tucker asked if there was anything else before the council:

- City Clerk, Tammy Thurman, requested that the council consider changing the mowing season start date from April 15 to April 1 since Easter is April 4th.

Alderman Townsend made the motion to change the 2021 mowing season start date from April 15 to April 1st. Alderman Tutterrow seconded the motion and it carried.

Alderman Allen	Absent	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderman Tutterrow	Aye	Alderman Townsend	Aye
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- Linda Palmer requested that the council consider allowing a group of women to develop a community garden in the greenway where the former Bob Chitwood property was. Permission was granted without a vote or motion.

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- Mayor Pro-tem Tucker recognized a group of AARP officers and members regarding the use of the community building. The group informed the council that AARP will not allow their Chapter 1270 to use their name (AARP) on any rental agreement due to COVID-19. The group request permission to use the title of Wayne County Community Building for the next six months or until AARP drops their restrictions so the Chapter can regenerate their lost revenues by hosting rentals. City Attorney Bob Ramshur questioned the group on their liability insurance and reviewed a rental contract that was presented by Janet Loucks. City Attorney Bob Ramshur stated that he was in favor of the council granting the AARP members, local Chapter 1270, their request.

Alderman Townsend made the motion, seconded by Alderman Tutterrow granting permission for the Local Chapter 1270 of the AARP to use the name Wayne County Community Building on their rental contracts for the next six months, or, AARP removes their Covid-19 restrictions.

Alderman Tutterrow	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent
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- Linda Palmer, representing the Piedmont Chamber of Commerce requested that the city help move the large flower pots down to the stop light, one on each corner, to brighten that area plus help with parking along Main Street. Mayor-Pro-tem Tucker instructed City Clerk, Tammy Thurman, to write a work-order for the street department to move the flower pots.

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11. With no other business before the council, Alderman Tutterrow made the motion to adjourn the March 9th, 2021 regular meeting. Alderman Townsend seconded the motion and it carried.

Scot Tucker, Mayor Pro-tem

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Tammy Thurman, City Clerk
(SEAL)