



CITY OF GRAIN VALLEY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
Workshop

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ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

- The Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri, met for a Workshop Session on February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Grain Valley City Hall, 711 Main Street, Grain Valley, Missouri
- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnston

ITEM II: ROLL CALL

- City Clerk Jamie Logan called roll
- *Present: Bass via Zoom conference, Cleaver, Headley, Knox, Mills, Stratton*
- *Absent:*

-QUORUM PRESENT-

ITEM III: DISCUSSION

ARPA Funds

- The point of this evening is to discuss what to do with the American Rescue Plan Act funds to provide relief from Corona Virus and economic issues signed 3/11/21; Fiscal Recovery Fund Amounts assigned to each jurisdiction was in relation to the population at that point in time; the first payment was received in the amount of 1.465 million dollars in September 2021, and the 2nd half will be received 12 months later or September 2022.
- This program states funds must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026.
- There are four categories the funds can be spent on based on the Treasury final rule 1/6/22: to respond to public health emergency, respond to workers performing essential work, provision of government services to the extent of a reduction in revenue, and to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure
- City Staff waited for guidance before presenting to the board; Public Sector Revenue Loss can be determined by using the “standard allowance” or calculate the actual revenue loss using Treasury formula
- Ineligible uses of funds include:
 - To offset a reduction in taxes
 - Deposits to pension funds
 - To fund debt service
 - To fund legal settlements
 - Deposits to financial reserves
- Proposed projects for funds:

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Mayor Chuck Johnston
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Alderman Darren Mills
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- CIP Projects; Constructions costs are coming back higher than what was originally forecasted for each to include:
 - James Rollo Sanitary Sewer (sewer replacements) - \$950,000
 - New Tyer Road Water Tower Design - \$400,000
 - Alderman Stratton asked if the amount of capacity/use of the current water tower was known; not known right now, but needed for future and to increase water tower capacity in the future
 - Alderman Headley asked if this water tower would replace the current tower or if this would be an additional tower; Replacement
 - Mayor Johnston asked about service interruption during the changeover; Mr. Murphy stated there could be ways to work through it using Tri-County tanks, etc.
 - Police Department Radios - \$177,000
 - Alderman Knox clarified if these were the same radios currently in the budget; Mr. Murphy stated yes, but currently only a few have been replaced at a time
 - Mr. Murphy stated the program would like for any items these funds would be used on to be forward facing and transformative for a community
 - Parks Master Plan as this has not ever been done
 - Updated Comprehensive Plan – last one was done in 2014
 - Police Body Cams - \$60,000
 - License Plate Reader - \$35,000
 - Downtown Program/Main Street Program- \$50,000; More details will be provided on this
 - Video Arraignment - \$2,000 ; this is the way of the world
 - Alderman Knox asked how that would work if someone was housed elsewhere; Mr. Murphy stated the people would stay where they are and arraign them vs. transporting them in; Ms. Osenbaugh stated many places have this technology in place already and have been asking Grain Valley for this technology
 - Alderman Stratton asked what the body cams included; Mr. Murphy stated all equipment that goes along with them
 - Alderman Knox asked if one camera per officer; yes
 - Mr. Murphy stated any of these items would come back to the board as a resolution at a later date
 - Alderman Headley stated to make sure some warranty is on some of this type of equipment; Alderman Stratton stated to make sure to include annual subscriptions, software costs, etc.
 - Alderman Bass asked if there were quotes for the Body Cam package; Ms.

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- Osenbaugh went back to the presentation slide with the estimated cost
- Mayor Johnston asked if there would be grants available
 - Alderman Knox asked if the Parks master plan could be done in house; Mr. Murphy stated no; there would be a RFP for that project and it would be timed for 2023; Even with all the projects laid out, there is still a cushion of funds available and it can be looked at again at budget time to see if any projects seem appropriate at that that time; There are hopes of construction costs coming back down by the time the bid request goes out
 - Alderman Knox asked if the money can be spent to put in a park or only the plan/design; Mr. Craig stated for general governmental services and the funds could be used for that purpose
- Main Street – Downtown Possibilities
- Change is desired in the downtown area and it comes up often in discussions with citizens
 - This money would be a potential good fit to help grow those businesses that have been downtown or are just getting started; came up in the branding discussions; it is not uncommon to see people walking the streets and inside businesses in our downtown based on the new businesses that have gone in
 - There are 25 separate parcels in the downtown area; Missouri Main Street Connection (MMSC) offers a grant to offer coaching/training, fundraising, strategy development, etc. Grain Valley fits their demographic; 60/40 split; there needs to be a sponsor for each application which would be the City; a list of stakeholders has been developed with the goal in the end of the program is that it would be a freestanding non-profit in the end; Mr. Murphy shared they held a meeting with some of the owners downtown already to ensure there is some buy in from those business owners and there is interest
 - There have been cities around us that have been through this program to include many near us (Lee’s Summit, Blue Springs, Chillicothe, Independence, Clinton, Excelsior Springs, Liberty, Warrensburg)
 - Investment could be used initially on 40% Grant Match, Training & Memberships, Façade Grants, Beautification Efforts – this one would move the fastest to include letter of intent by 3/18/22 and they would know if we receive the Award by 5/2/22
 - Alderman Knox asked where this fits with the overall zoning plan – car lots, etc.
 - Alderman Headley stated the committee working with the zoning/types of business piece should be done consecutively with this project; Mr. Murphy stated this would start that process; Alderman Headley and Alderman Knox like the idea

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- Mr. Murphy used Blue Springs' Downtown as an example of some of the changes to this point
- If the Main Street Project is one the Board was interested in, there are some deadlines to not lose the momentum; a few other items on the list would require RFP/RFQs and a longer process; equipment pieces could start sooner and present resolutions/budget adjustments for those
- These items are all from either the CIP or received from community feedback from past surveys
 - Mr. Murphy asked for feedback to help direct City Staff to move forward with various projects
- *Alderman Knox made a Motion to move forward with the next step of the items proposed for the ARPA Funds*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Cleaver*
 - *None*
- *Motion to move forward with the next step of the items proposed for the ARPA Funds*
 - *Aye: Bass, Cleaver, Headley, Knox, Mills, Stratton*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-MOTION APPROVED: 6-0-

- Mayor Johnston stated he thought there was a lot of effort into the proposal and thought it was a good proposal
- Mr. Murphy stated the RFP went out for Nichols Building today and the deadline is March 7th and this would work into the Main Street proposal as well as that property is in that area

ITEM IV: ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 6:44 P.M.

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Minutes submitted by:

Jamie Logan
City Clerk

Date

Minutes approved by:

Chuck Johnston
Mayor

Date

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