

OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Le Grand City Council held a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m., February 21, 2024 at the Monet Center for a Public Hearing to review the City CDBG application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for Water Distribution System Improvements with Mayor Jodi L. Abrahams presiding. Roll call: Don Weitzell, Judy Cecak, Todd Parrish, Tyler Sawyer. Absent: Troy Underhill. Also Attending: KyLee Stone, City Clerk/Treasurer; Marty Wymore, Region 6 Resources; Rod Fehrmann, Public Works; Luke Wilson, CGA. Public: Mack German

J Cecak motioned to approve agenda; seconded by T Sawyer. Roll Call 4-0. Carried.

Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 pm.

M Wymore discussed the 2024 Water Distribution Project and where the city was at with the CDBG application. Region 6 Resources will submit the application around April 1, 2024. The city should hear the funding outcome around June 15, 2024. The project budget is \$1,075,000 (without engineering fees & including CDBG administration fees). \$500,000 is from the CDBG grant and \$575,000 from the SRF loan program. The project is needed to reduce water discoloration and sediments in the water for the West Main Street neighborhood. The project will also improve water flows with six-inch water mains. The best solution to solve these problems are to replace the old water distribution system. The homeowners in the project area have requested the project improvement for decades. There will be no displacement of people, businesses, or any activities. 77.7% of the residents from the recent income survey are considered as LMI residents. \$388,500 of the CDBG funds will benefit these LMI residents. The project can potentially be bid in the Fall/Winter of 2024, after successful completion of the CDBG NEPA clearance. Construction should be completed by the end of the calendar year 2025 construction season. No translation services were requested. The community development and housing needs assessment was completed at the public hearing. Since the CDBG loan is part of HUD Section 3, there may be burdens for contractors to meet all of their guidelines.

There were no comments from the council.

Public Comments: M German wanted to know what will happen during the project. L Wilson, CGA, said it would run down Main St from City Hall all the way to the restaurant on the east side. Installation of the water distribution lines will be mainly boring, and the water main will be about six to eight feet underground. R Fehrmann stated that 200 lead checks have been completed on the water service lines and there are 167 remaining to be checked.

D Weitzell motioned to close the Public Hearing at 7:32 pm. Seconded by J Cecak. Roll Call 4-0. Carried

J Cecak motioned to approve RESOLUTION 15-2024: A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF LE GRAND WATER DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE WEST MAIN STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT CDBG APPLICATION TO THE IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, seconded by D Weitzell. Roll Call 4-0. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, KyLee Stone

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