



TOWN OF JEROME

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MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - CDBG PROJECT INPUT AND COUNCIL SELECTION OF THE TOWN OF JEROME COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JEROME TOWN HALL 600 CLARK STREET, JEROME, ARIZONA TUESDAY, JANUARY 09, 2024, AT 6:00 PM

Due to the length of this meeting, Council may recess and reconvene at the time and date announced.

6:00 (0:17) 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor/Chairperson to call meeting to order
Town Clerk to call and record the roll.

Present were Mayor Alex Barber, Vice Mayor Jane Moore, and Council members Dr. Jack Dillenberg, Sage Harvey, and Sonia Sheffield.

Staff present were Town Manager/Clerk Brett Klein, Zoning Administrator Will Blodgett, Finance Director Kristen Muenz, and Administrative Specialist/Accounting Clerk Michele Sharif.

6:01 (0:30) 2. NEW BUSINESS – 6:01

Discussion/Possible Action

A. The Town Council of the Town of Jerome will Hold a Public Hearing Regarding the Use of CDBG Funds to Identify and Select the Project from the List Identified through the Citizen Input at the First Public Hearing Held on December 12, 2023

The Town is expected to receive approximately \$402,110 in FY24 Federal CDBG Funds from the Arizona Department of Housing Regional Account and the Town intends to apply for up to \$500,000 in FY23 or 24 CDBG Funds from the State Special Projects account. Council will gather citizen input and consider potential uses for the CDBG funds that must be used to benefit low-income persons and areas, alleviate slum and blight, or address an urgent need.

Mayor Alex Barber opens, sharing this is a public hearing regarding the use of our funds to identify and select a project from the list, identified through citizen input from the first public hearing held on December 12th. She asks the Town Manager, Brett Klein for his overview.

Mr. Klein begins, this is our requisite second public hearing. At this point council prioritized what project or project(s) they'd like to pursue utilizing the CDBG funds at the public hearing. During the public hearing when called upon if you should desire staff will also have a recommendation.

Ms. Barber asks for council input.

Vice Mayor Jane Moore asks if the public hearing should be opened.

Ms. Barber opens the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. She also acknowledges members of the audience that were also present and spoke at the first public hearing. She asks if either party has any input now.

Jerome Resident Mark Krmopotich shares that he's reviewed and has no comments, questions, or concerns about them.

Ms. Barber calls next on Jerome resident Nancy Robinson, who says she is good as well.

Ms. Moore shares that she thinks they are listed in the order of what was discussed as being most important.

Ms. Barber expresses her agreement.

Ms. Moore asks how much the top 2 items on the list will cost.

Mr. Klein responds that the cost will be over what will be supplied. He takes this opportunity to reiterate what Ms. Moore said, answering yes, they are in the order of importance and staff recommendation. He says at the council meeting when they are ready to motion it would be prudent to mention the continuation of water lines down Dundee Ave and if funds are available Deception Lane.

Dr. Dillenberg expresses he would love to see them do Holly.

Ms. Moore shares that it sounds like those two items are up for discussion and seeks input on which one is more important and why?

Ms. Barber shares she thought the reason for continuing the water line extension down Dundee was because its already in the works and we ran out of money. She shares this is something that needs to happen, as with everything on the list of 1-10. She adds when you're that deep into it you might as well finish it up, that is what she thought that was the consensus of everyone sitting behind the dais.

Ms. Harvey and Dr. Dillenberg both express their agreement.

Ms. Barber says, if there is any money left over, to continue down Deception Lane.

Finance Director/Deputy Clerk Kristen Muenz asks if she can make a comment.

Ms. Barber answers, yes please.

Ms. Muenz shares that she spoke with Chief Rusty Blair and his recommendation is to continue the water lines because those provide hydrants in places in town where there currently aren't any. He shared there is one on Holly close enough for him to get to the houses there, but in the other areas, the hydrants are in areas that they'd have to run lines and sometimes that means they have to run them across roads.

Dr. Dillenberg shares confirmation of that information.

Ms. Barber says fire suppression and having these available is a definite need for town. She imparts the pumper truck empties fast if you can't hook up to an actual hydrant. She then begins to make a motion.

Ms. Moore interjects and asks if the public hearing needs to be closed first.

Mr. Klein clarifies the public hearing can be closed. He adds as long as there is a consensus you don't have to make a motion at this meeting, it would made at the regular council meeting for the resolution.

Ms. Barber closes the public hearing at 6:06 and thanks the public.

6:06 (6:04) 3. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Harvey makes the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Barber seconds the motion. She calls the question, and the meeting is unanimously adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 6:06 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER		x	X			
DILLENBERG			X			
HARVEY	x		X			
MOORE			X			
SHEFFIELD			x			

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Alex Barber, Mayor

Brett Klein, Town Manager

Date