

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS
PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
May 27, 2020
11:00 A.M.**

Due to statewide stay-at-home orders, this meeting was held on Zoom video conferencing

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Delzeit, Marty Allen, Rocky Ruhnke, Dan Collins, and Terry Gibson

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: None

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: City Attorney Ted Collins and City Clerk Joann Karn.

GUESTS PRESENT: Via Zoom – Becky Voorhies, Thrive Allen County; Garrett Nordstrom, Western Consultants DBA GAS; Rebecca Thacker, Mo-Kan Regional Council and Russell Karn

PRESIDING: Mayor Charles Batchelder

Mayor Batchelder began the Public Hearing at 11:05 a.m. and opened for comments on considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the CV category. The estimated project cost and grant request is \$300,000. The proposed project will consist of funds for working capital, inventory, wages, rent and other eligible expenses. Following a short discussion and comments, Mayor Batchelder closed the Public Hearing at 11:15 a.m.

Following comments by each firm, on Zoom, that submitted a Request for Proposals for administrative services, Terry Gibson moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to secure the administrative services from Western Consultants DBA Governmental Assistance Services (GAS). Motion carried 5-0

Garrett Nordstrom, Western Consultants, indicated he will be submitting the application at 12:01 a.m., May 28, 2020, as that is the first opportunity to submit applications. Mr. Nordstrom will be working with and updating the city on the progress of the application/grant.

Attorney Collins updated the council on Governor Kelly's press conference she held yesterday afternoon. The state plan of working through this pandemic has now become a guideline and responsibility has been given to each county on how to open back up. Rocky Ruhnke updated the council on the area youth summer recreation program, regarding ball practices and games. The NEK League has cancelled all games for the summer; therefore, Doniphan County teams are planning to scrimmage each other beginning in late June or early July.

Rocky Ruhnke moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Motion carried 5-0

Mayor

City Clerk