



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS – HUTCHINSON, KANSAS**  
**August 13, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m.**

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1. The Governing Body of the City of Hutchinson, Kansas met in special session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 in the City Council Chambers with Mayor Inskeep presiding. Councilmembers Dechant, Daveline and Soldner were present. Councilmember Piros de Carvalho was absent from the meeting.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

3. Public Hearing

a. Consider 2020 Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Grant Application.

Motion by Councilmember Dechant, second by Councilmember Soldner, to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Ryan Hvitlok, Director of Planning and Development, said they completed a housing assessment tool in Spring 2019. He said they conducted interviews with various organizations, had neighborhood meetings, and had an on-line resident survey with over 160 responses. Mr. Hvitlok spoke about the survey results saying the wide variety of housing stock is a strength, but condition and age are the greatest weaknesses. He said they had to select a target area for the grant; and they received the most interest from the Creekside neighborhood. Mr. Hvitlok stated grant funds can be used for energy conservation, paint programs, emergency repairs, bringing homes up to code, historic preservation, etc. He said this is not a remodeling or cosmetic program; and the intent is to increase the life-span of the homes.

Councilmember Daveline asked about a timeline for this project. Mr. Hvitlok said the application has to be submitted by August 29, 2019; and they should learn in January 2020 if the grant has been awarded. He said the whole process is 18-24 months in length. Additional discussion ensued regarding the Avenue A grant, ages of the homes, etc.

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Dechant to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Dechant, to approve submittal of a grant application to the Kansas Department of Commerce Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program; and approval of Resolution certifying legal authority to apply for the Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program from the Kansas

Department of Commerce; and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents. The motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business

- a. Consider 2019 Emergency Solutions Grant. Amy Allison, Senior Planner, spoke.

Donna Davis with BrightHouse, spoke about a woman with five children who moved into the shelter. She said for 16 years the woman wasn't allowed to have a driver's license, didn't have her or her children's Social Security cards or birth certificates, wasn't allowed to shop, etc.; and was told what would happen to her and her children. Ms. Davis said the woman is now adjusting to making decisions for herself; and if she didn't have BrightHouse, there would be no place else for her to go. Ms. Davis said she appreciates the help from the City, the Police and Sheriff's departments, etc. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Dechant, second by Councilmember Soldner to accept the 2019 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) in the amount of \$39,114.00; and authorize the Mayor to sign grant acceptance documents. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Executive Session

Mayor Inskeep called for an executive session. Motion by Councilmember Dechant, second by Councilmember Soldner, to recess into executive session pursuant to the attorney/client privilege exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) in order to discuss matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney/client relationship regarding pending litigation; the open meeting to resume in the City Council Chambers at 10:00 o'clock a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Daveline, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.