

The Common Council of the City of Horicon met in regular session via video conference with Mayor Grigg presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Alders Present: Hady, Marschke, Bandsma, Frami, Miller, and Vanderhei.

Alders Absent: None.

Mayor Grigg conducted a Public Hearing on the proposed application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG CLOSE PF and CDBG PF) Program funds.

Art Bahr of MSA Professional Services provided a presentation of the CDBG Funding Program and provided an opportunity for questions for those in attendance. The presentation included the following topics:

#### Basic Overview of the CDBG Program

CDBG was enacted through the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) has administered CDBG funds since 1982; its goals include benefit to LMI (low and moderate income) households, targets funding to areas of greatest need, housing, public facilities and economic development.

#### Total CDBG Funds (Including Anticipated Revolving Loan Funds) Available for Housing, Public Facilities and Economic Development.

DOA historically receives approximately \$28 million (estimate) per year for housing rehabilitation, public infrastructure improvements (water, sewer, storm sewer, etc.), emergency infrastructure and economic development in exchange for job creation. For the past two years approximately \$20 million was available for public facilities. These dollars funded 30-40 applications each year.

#### Types of Eligible Activities

- A. Housing: rehabilitation for owner-occupied and renter-occupied units: LMI home buyer (Homestead) programs, handicapped accessibility projects, housing site preparation, housing site acquisition and occupant relocation, blight elimination through demolition of structures and neighborhood public facilities projects.
- B. Planning Grant: The program's goals are to help communities develop clear and actionable strategies for addressing site specific, neighborhood, community or regional economic or development needs and to improve the quality of community or economic development projects by helping to fund local plans.
- C. Public Facilities: water facilities including mains, looping, extensions, treatment, source, hydrants, valves; sewerage including collector and interceptor mains, lift stations, treatment plants and lagoons, and dechlorination facilities; storm sewers; certain fire system components; handicapped accessibility; and community centers. CDBG typically funds 50-66% of the total project costs, however, most awards are limited to \$1,000,000.
- D. Economic Development: low interest loans to business in exchange for job creation.

- E. Public Facilities for Economic Development: business or industrial park water systems, sewerage systems, roads, infrastructure in support of business attraction/expansion and job creation.
- F. CDBG CLOSE Program – a program limited to communities who had previously held CDBG RLF accounts/grants. The CLOSE program offers opportunities to those who liquidate their programs based on the approved State/HUD amendment.

Community Development (Public Facilities or Economic Development) Needs Identified by Staff/Consultant Prior to the Public Hearing.

The City of Horicon is preparing a CDBG-CL-PF application and a CDBG-PF application to fund a project for the reconstruction of street and utility infrastructure on Mill and South Cedar Streets.

Art Bahr asked if there were any questions related to the described Horicon CDBG project.

Art Bahr asked if there were any needs based on the described CDBG Programs; no additional needs were identified.

Art Bahr asked for other comments regarding the items related to the Public Hearing 3 times; there were no comments.

Motion by Bandsma, second by Vanderhei, to close the Public Hearing on the proposed application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG CLOSE PF and CDBG PF) Program funds.

All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Mayor Grigg conducted a Public Hearing on the issuance of a Class “A” Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage License for:

- Sky Enterprises Group LLC – 306 Washington Street

All interested individuals and/or their representatives were given an opportunity to be heard. There were no comments.

Motion by Miller, second by Bandsma, to close the Public Hearing on the issuance of a Class “A” Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage License.

Voting AYE: Miller, Vanderhei, Marschke, Bandsma, and Frami.

Abstaining: Hady.

Motion carried.

Motion by Marschke, second by Frami, to approve the issuance of a Class “A” Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage License for the year ending June 30, 2021 for:

- Sky Enterprises Group LLC – 306 Washington Street

Voting AYE: Marschke, Bandsma, Frami, Miller, and Vanderhei.

Abstaining: Hady.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bandsma, second by Miller, to approve the Council minutes of January 19 and January 26, 2021.

All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Public Appearances: None.

Hady, Chairperson of the Personnel & Finance Committee, provided a brief informational report on items being considered by the committee which included: disposal of public records from the Police Department, reimbursement of body armor purchase for Greyson Stocks, disposal of public records from the Clerk's office, disposal of weapons from the Police Department, advancement of Cody Vanderhei, approval of water 3% simplified rate increase, purchase of WAM, disposal of WAM, purchase of WWTP grit concentrator, payment for sewer backup at 715 East Walnut Street, and monthly bills.

Miller, Chairperson of the Public Works & Development Committee, provided a brief informational report on items being considered by the committee which included: Blue Zones update, Kansas Street Reconstruction Project, and monthly updates.

Marschke, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, provided a brief informational report on items being considered by the committee which included: approval of liquor license application.

Frami, Chairperson of the Park & Recreation Board, reported no meeting was held due to lack of quorum.

Hady, Council Representative to the Plan Commission, reported no meeting was held.

Motion by Frami, second by Bandsma, to approve the First Amendment to Tower/Land Lease Agreement and Memorandum of First Amendment to Tower/Land Lease with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for property located near the Clinton Street Water Tower. All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Hady, second by Bandsma, to authorize the disposal of records from the Police Department as outlined on a memo dated January 22, 2021.

All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Hady, second by Frami, to authorize reimbursement of body armor in the amount of \$787.32 to Police Officer Greyson Stocks.

All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Hady, second by Bandsma, to authorize the disposal of records from the Clerk's office as outlined on a memo dated February 8, 2021.

All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Hady, second by Marschke, to authorize disposal of weapons from the Police Department; 1 Glock in the amount of \$300 and 3 shotguns in the amount of \$200/each. All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Hady, second by Miller, to approve the advancement of Cody Vanderhei to Water/Wastewater Operator III in Charge effective February 12, 2021 at a rate of \$28.12/hour. Voting AYE: Hady, Marschke, Bandsma, Frami, and Miller. Abstaining: Vanderhei. Motion carried.

Motion by Hady, second by Miller, to implement a 3% simplified water rate increase. All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Hady, second by Bandsma, to approve purchase of a JD 1600 Turbo Series III Commercial Wide Area Mower (WAM) in the amount of \$57,396.45 from John Deere. All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Hady, second by Miller, to authorize disposal of the 2016 JD 1600 Wide Area Mower (WAM) to John Deere in the amount of \$12,825. All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Hady, second by Vanderhei, to purchase a grit concentrator for the WWTP from Smith & Loveless, Inc in the amount of \$4,251, financed by the DNR Replacement Fund. All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Hady, second by Miller, to approve payment of a Bernhard Plumbing invoice in the amount of \$352.50 for a sewer backup at 715 East Walnut Street. All voting AYE. Motion carried.

There were no Operator License applications.

There was no January 2021 Financial Statement for approval.

Motion by Hady, second by Miller, to approve payment of bills for January 2021 in the amount of \$5,215,697.22. All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Non-Action Discussion:

Alexandra Harvancik, Librarian, announced the Library closed early today due to a plumbing/water issue at City Hall.

Joseph Adamson, Police Chief, provided a COVID vaccination update and an update on 612 South Hubbard Street.

Timothy Kingman, Director of Public Works-Utilities, thanked his staff, the Public Works and Utility crew, for their hard work.

Marschke stated he was happy to see the City crew cleaning the storm sewers today.

Vanderhei thanked the Public Works and Utility employees for their hard work.

Bandsma thanked the Hady's for having the confidence to start a new business in the City and congratulated them on their upcoming retirement. Bandsma also congratulated Police Lieutenant Amy Yahnke on the recent sale of the radar trailer. Bandsma thanked the Public Works and Utility employees for their hard work.

Hady stated she is happy she took the leap of faith to start a business and encouraged others to do so in Horicon.

Miller apologized for taking a telephone call during the meeting; he added the call was from an individual looking for industrial property. Miller announced he would be working on a special assessment policy.

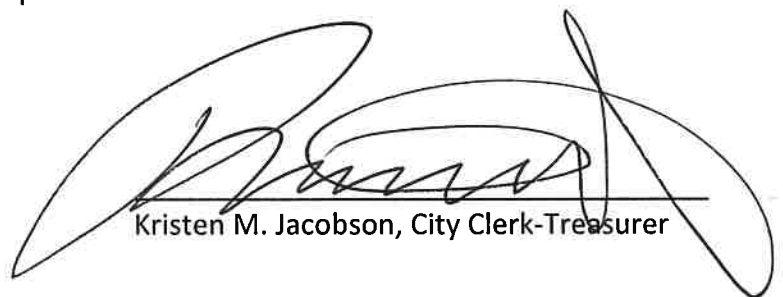
Kristen Jacobson, Clerk-Treasurer, thanked the Public Works and Utility employees for their hard work during the recent snowstorms and main breaks.

Mayor Grigg inquired how the audit went. Jacobson responded the audit was virtual last week and went well.

Mayor Grigg announced the City will be working towards razing 612 South Hubbard Street.

Motion by Miller, second by Bandsma, to adjourn.

All voting AYE. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



Kristen M. Jacobson, City Clerk-Treasurer

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