

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

The Glenwood City Council met on Tuesday October 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at the Glenwood City Hall. The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Ron Kohn at 7:21 p.m., and the roll was taken showing the following members of the council present or absent.

Present: Donnie Kates, Dan McComb, Jeremy Rodman, Laurie Smithers (Virtual)

Absent: Holly Jackson

Others Present: Eric Johansen, Matt Gray, Ron Mattox, Amber Farnan, Jessica Alley, Joe Foreman, Leslie Wright, Ashley Hayes, Stan Winqvist, Wayne Kester, Jared Horton, Bob Wray (Virtual)

The Mayor announced that this was the time and place specified for taking action on the proposal to submit an application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

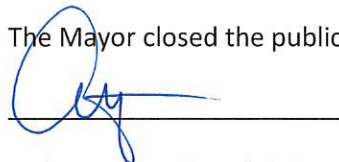
As a result of needed housing in the community, the city has partnered with a developer for an upper story housing project. The city is partnering with Wayne Kester. Funds for this service are provided by the CDBG grant. Wayne proposed to rehabilitate the building located at 26 N Walnut Street, Glenwood, IA.

The construction will take approximately three years to complete. The CDBG application will be made on or before November 1, 2022. The city is applying for a CDBG grant up to \$600,000 and the developer will provide any local match in the form of private financing. The total project cost is estimated around \$450,000 - \$500,000. The project will benefit the entire community of Glenwood, particularly those who are low to moderate income residents. The low to moderate income rate of the City of Glenwood is 44.3% according to the US Census. No person will be displaced by the proposed activities. Any acquisition of land will occur in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Acquisition and Relocation Act. There is no land acquisition needed or planned for this project.

As a requirement of the CDBG application, those present at the public hearing discussed community development and housing needs within the City including major housing and community development needs of LMI residents, other major housing, and community needs (for non-LMI residents), and planned or potential activities to address these needs. Community development and housing needs were gathered through a survey the City distributed to residents through the mail. Survey questions considered greatest community needs, economic and transportation barriers for LMI residents, and housing needs. There was a total of 5 surveys returned with top community needs including more housing options and opportunities, mental health services, and lack of public transportation options.

The City Administrator announced that there were not written or oral comments received prior to the meeting. Whereupon the Mayor called for any written or oral comments. General information about the project was provided to those present.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.



Amber Farnan, City Administrator