

Minutes
Cheney Planning Commission
Regular Meeting – By Phone/Video Conference

October 10, 2022

Commissioners Attending: Richard Mount, Dan Turbeville, Vara Lyn Conrath, Jacquelyn Belock, David Early, and Natasha Jostad were present in person. Jake Vibbert was present via Zoom.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Attending: Brett Lucas, Mark Schuller, Todd Ableman and Susan Beeman.

Councilmembers Attending: Vince Barthels and Jill Weiszmann.

Call to Order: Chairman Mount called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m..

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Turbeville made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 regular meeting as distributed. Seconded by Commissioner Early, and the motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Participation: None.

Public Hearing: #2022-12
Amending the Urban Growth Area (UGA)

Mr. Ableman requested that this item be removed from tonight's agenda and rescheduled for November 14. He explained that notices were sent to affected property owners last week and staff were surprised at some of the responses, with some property owners wishing to be left out of the UGA, and some wishing to remain in the UGA. He requested additional time to come back with a plan that is fully supported by the stakeholders.

Mr. Ableman explained that this item represents a request to Spokane County to remove some acreage from our UGA, and replace it with some acreage from a different area. Since the decision is not going to be made at the local level, the City wants to be sure the proposal is accurate, and is supported by the property owners who would be impacted.

Commissioner Early made a motion to remove this item from the evening's agenda and reschedule the public hearing for November 14, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Belock, and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Meeting: #2022-13
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Needs Assessment

Mr. Lucas reviewed the CDBG process, and explained that since 1989, Cheney has received approximately \$2.2 million in funding, which works out to an average of \$95,000 to \$100,000 annually.

Mr. Lucas reviewed the timeline for the grant application process, eligible applicants and activities, and ineligible activities. He noted that the County is anticipating approximately \$1,450,000 to be available for 2023. He added that the identified priority needs are unchanged from previous years.

Mr. Ableman described Cheney priorities for a potential CDBG grant as being water mains on Elm Street to N 5th ST, then north to Oak Street, and a small section between Oak and Oakland Street.

Commission Reports: None.

Staff Reports:

Mr. Ableman reported that an assessment has been completed on Reservoir #4. We will be replacing the reservoir lid, lowering the levels of all three reservoirs in order to take #3 off line and then refill it.

Mr. Schuller commended Mr. Lucas' work with the Washington Cities Housing Consortium, saying that Mr. Lucas has had a key role in highlighting how proposed legislation is likely to impact small cities. He noted that West-side legislators often have a 'one size fits all' mentality regarding land use policy, and it is critical to highlight how some of these policies would negatively impact communities such as ours.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved By:

Susan Beeman, Secretary

Richard Mount, Chairman