

**CITY OF FENTON  
625 NEW SMIZER MILL ROAD  
FENTON, MO 63026  
MINUTES  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARING – BLOCK GRANT FUND  
JULY 2, 2020  
6:45 P.M.**

Mayor Brasses stated in light of the current public health crisis and the Federal, State, and County Emergency Declarations, and in accord with the provisions of Sec. 610.020, RSMo. and the City’s policy for meetings via videoconferencing adopted via R-20-01, the Board of Aldermen recognizes that it would be dangerous and impractical, if not impossible, for its meeting to be physically accessible to the public. The Board also recognizes the need for the public’s business to be attended to in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and in accordance with the County’s stay-at-home order, in which the City is “strongly encouraged to remain open.” In order to balance both the need for continuity of government and protection of the health and safety of our residents, businesses, persons, and employees, this meeting of the Board of Aldermen will not be open to in-person public attendance in person.

**CALL TO ORDER 6:45 p.m.**

Mayor Bob Brasses called the Board of Aldermen Public Hearing meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom Videoconference (RSMO 610.015) and explained the reasons for conducting the meeting via videoconference, i.e., due to the recent State of Emergency (as specified in the notice above) on Thursday, July 2, 2020.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Brasses led the Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Jane Hungler called the roll:

Alderman Ralph Cruts - <i>via video conference</i>	Alderman Chris Clauss - <i>via video conference</i>
Alderman Andrew Sobey, Jr. – <i>absent</i>	Alderman Robin Huels - <i>absent</i>
Alderman Brian Wisbrock - <i>via video conference</i>	Alderman Thomas Heard - <i>via video conference</i>
Alderman Joe Maurath - <i>via video conference</i>	Alderman Susan Jokerst - <i>via video conference</i>

Six Aldermen were present at the opening of the meeting.

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Mayor Bob Brasses - *via video conference*  
City Attorney Erin P. Seele, Esq. - *via video conference*  
City Administrator Andrea N. Finkbiner - *via video conference*

**I. MAYOR’S STATEMENT:**

Nothing to report.

**II. CDBG FUNDS THROUGH THE HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:**

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are to be made available through the Home Improvement Program at St. Louis County to qualified residents until September 1, 2021 and if funds have not been committed by that date, they will be applied to ADA projects.

Alderman Heard inquired if someone could explain what CBDG is as he is new to the Board.

Alderman Maurath explained the Community Development Block Grant funds is tax money that is generated through St. Louis County and forwarded to the municipalities to the tune of the \$20,000 a year, the money is used for home improvement projects, there is a third party administrator through St. Louis County so we don't know anybody that is involved or their finances. After a certain time if the funds are not used funds will go into the Americans with Disabilities act (ADA) and can only be used for those sorts of things like handrails and sidewalks that are ADA compliant. It is income restraint so you can own a home but you have to income qualify.

Alderman Jokerst stated she did not know of this option and if was communicated. City Administrator Nikki Finkbiner replied it is required, so we have it on our website, we advertise this meeting and we advertise it through the newsletter.

Alderman Cruts inquired where to direct someone to apply for grant. City Administrator Nikki Finkbiner replied they can contact City Hall.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:52 p.m. Alderman Wisbrock made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jokerst. Upon a vote being taken, it was announced that the motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Hungler  
City Clerk