

**CITY OF FENTON**  
**625 NEW SMIZER MILL ROAD, FENTON, MO 63026**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**  
**PUBLIC HEARING – BLOCK GRANT FUND**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**  
**6:45 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Maurath called the Board of Aldermen Public Hearing meeting of the City of Fenton, St. Louis County, Missouri to order at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2022. The meeting was held at Fenton City Hall and via Zoom Videoconference (RSMo 610.015).

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Mayor Maurath led the Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Jane Hungler called the roll:

Alderman Terry Bereitschaft - <i>Present</i>	Alderman Chris Clauss - <i>Present</i>
Alderman Ralph Cruts - <i>Absent</i>	Alderman Brian Wisbrock - <i>Present</i>
Alderman Robin Huels - <i>Present</i>	Alderman Scott Maserang – <i>Absent (6:48)</i>
Alderman Ron Harrell - <i>Present</i>	Alderman Susan Jokerst – <i>Absent</i>

Five Aldermen were present at the opening of the meeting all by video conference.

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

City Attorney Erin Seele, Esq.  
City Administrator Andrea N. Finkbiner  
Public Works Director Dan Howard  
City Clerk Jane Hungler  
St. Louis County Police Sergeant Kendall  
Community Development Director Amy Starck

**MAYOR'S STATEMENT**

Nothing to report.

**CDBG FUNDS THROUGH THE HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mayor Maurath explained the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- to moderate-income persons.

Mayor Maurath noted for the record that the CDBG program is administered by St. Louis County and Fenton is allocated around \$20,000 a year. The money is used for home improvement projects for those individuals that qualify and are selected by St. Louis County. After a certain time if the funds are not used, the funds can go for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) projects throughout the City. Mayor Maurath further noted that the grant is administered through St. Louis County, so we do not know anybody that is involved or their finances.

City Administrator Nikki Finkbinder shared there were inquiries if in the past there were unused funds that the City was able to use toward ADA projects in the City. City Administrator Nikki Finkbinder stated in the past the funds have been fully expended through the program.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:49 p.m. Alderman Huels made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wisbrock. 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

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