

**City of Monmouth
Warren County, Illinois
Public Hearing Minutes for CDBG PI
Grant Application
August 19, 2019
City Hall**

The public hearing was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Mayor Rod Davies, who briefly explained that the purpose of this meeting is to complete the requirements of an application for funding water main improvements. The meeting was then turned over to Jarred Dexter of the Western Illinois Regional Council, the agency the city has chosen to prepare said application. Mr. Dexter explained that the City of Monmouth is submitting a Community Development Block Grant Public Infrastructure construction grant application to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for replacing deteriorated and undersized water mains, fire hydrants, valves and all related appurtenances Southeast section of the city.

Topics covered were:

- The fact that grant applications are due on August 29, 2019 and that up to \$500,000.00 may be requested in one application for construction, with a total of \$15,000,000 available statewide on a competitive basis for non-metropolitan areas for Public Infrastructure Construction;
- Under CDBG PI Construction, the funding priority for this component is for water and sanitary/storm sewer projects. Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, demolition or installation of public infrastructure and improvements are eligible activities. Project areas must be primarily residential in nature;
- That to be eligible, an applicant must document that at least 51% of the persons to benefit from the project is of low-to-moderate income. In this project, this was documented by 100% of target area survey, which shows an approximate 87.04% LMI benefit;
- That the City of Monmouth as the grant applicant will have to minimize displacement of any low-to-moderate income individuals as a result of this project;
- If funded, the estimated amount proposed for activities that will benefit low-to-moderate income individuals is approximately \$435,200.00. The total CDBG request for the project is \$500,000.00.
- A copy of the CDBG records can be accessed at the WIRC office at 223 South Randolph, Macomb, IL, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am. To 4:00 p.m.
- That a detailed listing of other community development and housing needs must be developed at this public hearing.

It was explained that this grant would be used to replace the city's existing municipal water infrastructure in a targeted area in the East part of the community. The CDBG grant will pay for construction activities only. The applicant is responsible for paying construction engineering and grant administration. For this application, the administration would be 6% of the grant or \$30,000, and since the construction cost goes over the requested amount of \$500,000 the applicant will also be responsible for covering the rest of the construction cost which is \$94,000. This will be coming from the city's water/sewer fund.

In order for the grant to be approved, the community must be charging at a minimum of 1% of area Median Household Income (MHI) for water or sewer charge depending on the type of application. In this case, since the city is requesting funding for water main, the monthly rate would have to be a minimum of \$30.06. The City of Monmouth exceeds that figure.


Next other community development needs were solicited from attendees and the city council.

The list is as follows:

- Repair and replace sidewalks
- Repair and replace streets
- Demolish abandoned buildings - both residential and commercial, and
- Complete water main replacement for remainder of community.

Hearing no further comment the meeting was closed at 6:00 p.m.

I hereby certify that the above summary is an accurate account of the CDBG public hearing.


Mayor

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Date