

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
APPLICATION AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY -- SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

A public hearing was held by the City of Warrensburg, Missouri on September 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., at 200 S. Holden with Norm Lucas, Executive Director and Chris Hess, Principal Planner of Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission and Enrico Villegas, Assistant City Manager/ Public Works Director, City of Warrensburg, Missouri. Also present were Warrensburg Council Members Bruce D. Uhler and Eddie Osborne, City Manager Danielle Dulin, Project Manager Jason McCarty and City Clerk Schneider. A sign-in sheet was completed by the community members in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Lucas explained the City of Warrensburg's intent to make application in the 2022 community development block grant program and the request for citizen input on community development needs within the city.

Mr. Lucas said the city identified the need for street and storm water drain improvement in Census Tract 9606 within the city limits. The city is proposing to improve the design and construction of Market and Warren Streets, including sidewalk and drainage improvements to improve intersection safety near an elementary school, safeguard first responders before and during responses, to safeguard pedestrians enroute to school or other destinations and to reduce flooding effects on the streets.

Mr. Lucas handed out the needs assessment survey to city residents and explained that it was an anonymous survey completed by assessing a rating of good, fair or poor in Sections A-F on Public Works Infrastructure, Public Services, Community Facilities, Housing, Education Profiles and Economic Development. A question was asked if the assessment focused on the proposed project. Lucas answered that the survey focused on the city as a whole and not the specific proposed project. Mr. Lucas explained Sections G-I asked for the community's top five priority needs in this assessment, a description of the proposed project as it related to the top five priorities and if the proposed project did not appear in the top five priority needs then to provide an explanation. Once completed, Mr. Lucas instructed that he would collect and aggregate all survey responses and put in final form.

Specific questions were asked when a decision would be known on the grant application (early in 2023), type of grant (80-20 with 20% matching funds by the city), the cost of project (unknown, preliminary engineering study not yet finalized) and construction start (early summer 2023). Mr. Villegas offered further details on the proposed project to include widening the intersection of Market and Warren Streets, a total reconstruction and restoration to city standards on the Market Street corridor of Maynard to Chestnut including underground utilities, street trees, stormwater/sanitary sewer improvements, ADA sidewalks and lighting. There were no further questions.

Citizens completed the needs assessment survey. The public hearing ended at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jodi L. Schneider, City Clerk