

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT HEARING, CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1976, AT 5:00 P. M.

Present: Pat Foley	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
E. C. Wareing	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
Harvey Westerholm	City Manager
Royal Dunlap	Finance Director
Denzel Percifull	Traffic Safety Coordinator
Roger G. Johnson	City Secretary

Visitor: Kirkley David

1. Open Hearing-Community Development Block Grant Application

City Manager Westerholm officially opened hearing for discussion of proposed Community Development Block Grant Application for \$250,000 in funds for the year 1977. City Manager Westerholm explained the purpose of hearing was to discuss possible areas where proposed improvements could be made and areas that were eligible under application. City Manager Westerholm further explained that this hearing was to provide community input as a requirement of application for establishing community needs.

City Manager Westerholm recognized Denzel Percifull who informed individuals present regarding HUD priorities which were based on programs which would enhance neighborhood preservation. Mr. Percifull explained certain examples which would qualify under this definition to include programs involving street construction for vehicular and pedestrian traffic, connection of homes to sanitary sewer facilities and improvements to areas under blighted conditions. Mr. Percifull stated that these programs were aimed at preventing neighborhood deterioration.

Various target areas were discussed preliminarily to determine specific programs for recommendation in the application. Comm. E. C. Wareing inquired of City Manager Westerholm as to the cost of sewer projects in areas 2, 3, 7, 11 and 12 diagrammed on available sewer map as target areas. Mr. Westerholm explained that this construction would cost approximately \$75,000.

City Manager Westerholm recognized Mr. Kirkley David who inquired as to whether or not Keltys Street Improvements had been completed. Mr. Westerholm explained that this project had been completed from Abney Avenue to Wilson Street. Mr. David also inquired as to why sidewalks had not been constructed, having been a part of initial application for 1976. Mr. Westerholm explained that sidewalks were in the 1976 application, but enough money had not been provided for their construction. Mr. David also inquired as to whether or not proposed park improvements would be made at Brandon Park. Mr. Westerholm explained that \$15,000 was available for these improvements which were proposed for the near future.

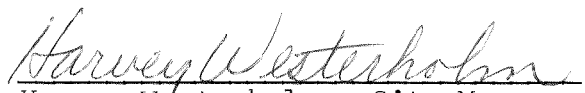
Comm. E. C. Wareing inquired as to the cost of sidewalks on Keltys Street. Mr. Westerholm explained that approximately \$19,000 had been estimated for this construction in the 1976 proposal. Comm. E. C. Wareing stated that this cost may have increased since the estimate was acquired and he was of the personal opinion that sidewalks should be constructed along Keltys Street to fulfill a definite need.

Comm. E. C. Wareing suggested that areas previously discussed should be included in the application for sewer improvements to include sidewalk construction for Keltys Street which would leave approximately \$150,000 for use in other areas.

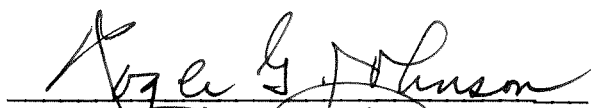
2. City Manager Westerholm declared hearing officially closed and explained that the following items would be considered at next hearing to be held during regular City Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 1976, at 7:30 p.m.:

- (1) Sidewalk construction on Keltys Street
- (2) Improvement of Paul Avenue from Timberland Dr. to Chestnut St.
- (3) Improvement of Chestnut St., from Paul Avenue to Lufkin Avenue
- (4) Extension of sewer service to target areas 2, 3, 7, 11 and 12
- (5) Separate City-wide drainage study

3. City Manager Westerholm explained that a pre-application would be prepared prior to Tuesday meeting date for consideration by the City Commission which would implement information discussed at this meeting, and additional areas of the City, where improvements were essential, may later be determined.
4. There being no further comments made or points of discussion, hearing was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.


Harvey Westerholm - City Manager

ATTEST:


Roger G. Johnson - City Secretary