

## City of Cherokee Public Hearing Minutes:

Date of Public Hearing: January 27, 2021 @ 5:45 P.M.  
Location: Cherokee City Hall  
112 N. Grand, Cherokee, OK 73728

The public hearing meeting notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

PRESENT:

KAREN HAWKINS, MAYOR  
DAVID COLLINS, COUNCIL MEMBER  
LANCE MILLER, COUNCIL MEMBER  
ADRIENNE WESSELS, COUNCIL MEMBER

ABSENT:

JEREMY HICKMAN, MAYOR PRO TEM

PRESENT:

MICHAEL JONES, CITY MANAGER  
AMBER K. WILHITE, CITY CLERK

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

RYAN MCNEIL  
AMY MADISON, CHEROKEE MESSENGER & REPUBLICAN

MAYOR KAREN HAWKINS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:45 P.M.

AMBER K. WILHITE CALLED THE ROLL AND MAYOR HAWKINS DECLARED A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

LANCE MILLER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY ADRIENNE WESSELS, TO ENTER INTO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

AYE: LANCE MILLER      NAY: NONE      ABSENT: JEREMY HICKMAN      ABSTAIN: NONE  
DAVID COLLINS  
ADRIENNE WESSELS  
KAREN HAWKINS

JEREMY HICKMAN ARRIVED IN THE MEETING AT 5:51 P.M.

THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE FY-2021 CDBG GRANT PROJECT FOR THE PROPOSED STREET RESURFACING AND IMPROVEMENTS.

MICHAEL JONES, CITY MANAGER PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. THE CITY OF CHEROKEE IS IN THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT THROUGH THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR THE STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON SECTIONS OF OHIO STREET.
2. THE PROJECT WILL BENEFIT AT LEAST 51% OF LOW TO MODERATE INCOME LEVELED CITIZENS IN THE TARGETED AREA.
3. THE PROJECT WILL NOT LIKELY RESULT IN THE DISPLACEMENT OR RELOCATION OF ANY CITIZENS.
4. THE CITY OF CHEROKEE WILL PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GROUPS REPRESENTATIVE OF PERSONS OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME THAT MAY REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING PROPOSALS. THE LEVEL AND TYPE OF ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE AND DOES NOT NECESSARILY INCLUDE PROVIDING FUNDING TO SUCH GROUPS.
5. THE GRANT REQUEST AMOUNT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$150,000.00 WITH GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS BEING MADE IN SEPTEMBER 2021.
6. THE CITY WILL MAKE A LOCAL INVESTMENT AND LEVERAGE APPROXIMATELY \$260,000.00.
7. AUTHORIZATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CDBG APPLICATION IN THE FORMAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING BY APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION.

IF THE PROJECT IS FUNDED, THE PUBLIC WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT BY CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE CLOSING OUT OF THE GRANT. THIS PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO INVITE CITIZENS FOR INPUT ON THE PROJECT ACCORDING TO THE CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PLAN WHICH WILL BE APPROVED IN A FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL FIRST RECEIVED PUBLIC INPUT ON TAKING ACTION ON ADOPTING THE CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR FY-2021 CDBG PROGRAM.

NEXT COUNCIL RECEIVED INPUT ON TAKING ACTION ON ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR FY-2021 CDBG (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT) FOR PROPOSED STREET RESURFACING AND IMPROVEMENTS.

THEN, COUNCIL RECEIVED PUBLIC INPUT ON TAKING ACTION ON A RESOLUTION ON LEVERAGE (MATCHING) FUNDS FOR FY-2021 CDBG PROPOSED STREET RESURFACING AND IMPROVEMENTS.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE POSITIVE.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, LANCE MILLER THEN MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY ADRIENNE WESSELS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND ROLL WAS CALLED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE: (MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:51P.M.)

AYE: LANCE MILLER  
DAVID COLLINS  
ADRIENNE WESSELS  
KAREN HAWKINS

ABSTAIN: JEREMY HICKMAN

ATTEST:

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AMBER K. WILHITE, CITY CLERK

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KAREN HAWKINS; MAYOR  
JEREMY HICKMAN; MAYOR PRO-TEM