MINUTES OF PRICE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

The Price City Council meeting convened in regular session on December 14, 2011, in the Price City Hall Council Chambers, Room 104 at 5 p.m.

Present:	Mayor Joe L. Piccolo	City Recorder, Laurie Tryon
	Councilmember Rick Davis	Community Director, Nick Tatton
	Councilmember Jeanne McEvoy	Police Chief, Aleck Shilaos
	Councilmember Kathy Hanna-Smith	Customer Service Dir,Bret Cammans
	Councilmember Jeff Nielson	

Others: Dr. Kartcher, Lynn Desmond, Victor Staley, Layne Miller, Wayne Clausing and Zach Heywood

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING:

MOTION. Councilmember Hanna-Smith moved to open the public hearing at 5:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilmember McEvoy and carried.
Nick Tatton stated that the City participates in the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for small cities to receive funding that is available for low to moderate income projects in rural communities. He stated that the purpose of the hearing is to allow the community an opportunity to apply for the grant money available for potential projects in the community that the City may want to consider. He stated that the City's internal Community Impact Program has not applied for any of the CDBG funding available but if a project is found during the public hearing, the City could do a subcontractor agreement as act as the applicant for the project to apply for the CDBG funding.
Mayor Joe L. Piccolo, opened the public hearing at 5 p.m. for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and stated that this hearing is being called to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied under the 2012 CDBG Program. It was explained that the grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons. The Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments Region of which Price City is a member, is expecting to receive approximately $400,000 in this new program year. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Guide and interested persons can review it at any time. Mayor Piccolo read several of the eligible activities listed such as: low income targeted housing complex project, Community Nursing Services equipment for charitable nursing services and a Boys and Girls Club building renovation. Also eligible are loan programs for private businesses which would then hire low income persons and the program can also pay for housing rehabilitation for low income homeowners or for persons owning rental housing for lower income persons. Mayor Piccolo indicated that in the past the City has received CDBG funds for ADA access projects and pedestrian pathways (sidewalks) leading to income targeted housing. The City has handed out its capital investment plan as part of the regional "Consolidated Plan". This list shows which projects Price City has identified as being needed in the community. It was asked that anyone with questions, comments or suggestions during the hearing please identify themselves by name, before they speak. The City Recorder will include all names in the minutes and the City would like to specifically respond to all questions and suggestions from the public during the hearing. Mayor Piccolo then opened the meeting up to further suggestions from the audience.

Victor Staley from Housing Authority of Carbon County, stated that he would like to apply for CDBG funding to be able to fix the roof, add insulation and windows to the low income housing complex so that the housing is better suited to the needs of the lowest income people in the area. He stated that the group would use their own money and grant money to create a better environment for the low income community to live. He stated that the project is ready to start as soon as the money is available and all of the work would be done by local contractors.

Lynn Desmond from Community Nursing Services (CNS) stated that he would like to apply for the CDBG funding on behalf of CNS. He stated that they will be purchasing new equipment in the form of a van to deliver oxygen to home health customers instead of facility upgrades and repair in order to better serve their customers that cannot afford home health care. He would also purchase two projectors to provide training to schools and nursing employees. Councilmember McEvoy stated that she had concerns as to why the needs have changed in the application from facility upgrades to equipment. Mr. Desmond responded by stating that the needs and interests to help others has become more of a need to fulfill than the building and parking lot upgrades.

Mckell Warburton from the Boys and Girls Club stated that the group has not yet acquired a building to request funding for renovations and would like to opt out of the application process for the CDBG funding at this time.

Tracy Meeks from Eastern Utah Mental Health stated that she would like to be considered for the CDBG funding. She stated that the funding would be used to renovate the Four Corners Mental Health Friendship Building and add two new rooms for transitional care and a new bathroom to meet code and state licensing requirements. She stated that the building is located at 100 N. and 500 E. and is managed by Four Corners Mental Health and owned by Eastern Utah Mental Health. She stated that it is a non-profit supported residential facility with 24-hour staff, 10 mentally ill clients.

A project to support income targeted housing apartments was proposed on behalf of the LaPorte Group and the Eastgate Apartment project.

Mayor Piccolo thanked each group for attending the hearing and for their applications. He stated that once the City reviews the requests and makes a decision to pass them to the CDBG review board, a meeting will be held to approve the applicants.

MOTION. Councilmember Hanna-Smith moved to close the public hearing at 5:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilmember McEvoy and carried.

MOTION. Councilmember Hanna-Smith moved to accept the CDBG project as outlined. Motion seconded by Councilmember McEvoy and carried. No further suggestions or responses were provided. The hearing as adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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Joe L. Piccolo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Laurie Tryon, City Recorder