



STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday February 23, 2021

1. Call to Order Time: 6:00pm
2. Old Business
3. New Business

A. Presentation from YVCOG for Health Equity Through Housing Grant

Chris Wickenhagen Executive Director and Jeff Watson Senior Planner of YVCOG were giving the presentation. Last year YVCOG was awarded a grant to develop a pilot program to involve your community in the planning for their community. Mabton and Toppenish were the towns that YVCOG selected to participate in the pilot program.

Jeff Watson explained that we have received the first part of a 3 part grant. The main focus on this is going to be health and health resources and the proximity of these needs to people. Most of this work is going to be studied through a GIS locating system to essentially create a scorecard for how far our city's housing is from these needs. They will then be talking to the residents themselves and what they think their needs are to come up with a comparison between what we have as needs in both perception and reality.

Chris Wickenhagen explained that they would like to start surveys as soon as possible but they would like it to look as though it comes from the city; the residents know us and don't have a clue who YVCOG is. She explained that there are going to be some incentives for participation in their surveys; really trying to encourage involvement.

The mayor asked exactly what this money was to be used for; is it for someone who needs to update their existing home or for someone who wants to build in Mabton, is it for business owners etc.? Chris explained that the grant money is in three parts. The first part is for the studying of the data; strictly for planning. The second part is for bringing all of the stakeholders together; health care, schools, law enforcement and decide what we need the money for. Do we need better health, less stress, more safety etc. what exactly does our community need. There were a couple more questions about what this money was intended for; Chris explained

that with the study this money could be used for whatever the money was needed for. If, for example, the city decided that what the residents really needed was a park; this money could be used for that but it would be the collective decision of the community that this is what was really needed.

YVCOG was simply looking for some awareness and support by the city so that the residents may be as responsive as possible.

B. Discussion of **Resolution 2020-15** Adopting a Public Participation Plan for the City of Mabton, Shoreline Master Program Update.

This is part a state mandate that we participate in having a plan available for in case citizens should need one. It is superfluous for the City of Mabton because we do not at this time have any shoreline, but we are required to participate. The Public Participation Plan is the first part of the update and basically explains that the Public may have a say if they so choose. Council understood what was going on and they moved the meeting forward.

C. Discussion of **Ordinance 2021-1169** Water Revenue Bond in the Amount of \$677,000

This is something that is necessary for the USDA funding for Well #7. The likelihood that we will need USDA funding in 2021 is low but we need to have the bond in place for when and if that time comes.

4. Adjournment:

Time: 6:37pm



Laura Vazquez, Mayor

Joshua Roberson, Deputy City Clerk