

**CITY OF LAKESHIRE  
PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

**JUNE 13, 2016**

The public hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were: Mayor Seher, Alderman Davis, Alderman Gebelein, Alderman Steel, Alderman Sherod, Alderman Zumwalt, Alderman Bilzing, Chief Neidenberg, City Clerk Jill Feltmann, Occupancy Permit Coordinator Jan McDermott, Building Commissioner Ed Sallenbach, Gayle Vogel, David and Andre Engebretson, Jan and Andy Mackey, Marlene Phelan plus Mr. Alex Devlin from the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Mayor Seher informed those in attendance that the notice for the public hearing was published in the City of Lakeshire Summer 2016 newsletter that was delivered to all residents of the city through the United States Postal Service and by signs posted at all City of Lakeshire entrances and on the City Hall Bulletin Board.

Mayor Seher then turned the meeting over to Mr. Alex Devlin to explain the program. It was noted that the City of Lakeshire has previously qualified to receive a proposed amount of \$20,000.00 for the 2017 fiscal year and the funds will be available after January 1, 2017. The funds can be used by property owners who meet specific requirements. The maximum amount a property owner may receive is \$5,000.00. These funds are only available once in a lifetime for the homeowners and once per "house". A future owner of that same property would not be allowed to apply for the funds. These funds may be used for a new roof, air conditioner, furnace, structural repairs, ADA ramps, code violation repairs, etc.

There was a discussion concerning the types of benefits available. The city, as an entity, does not meet the qualifications to benefit directly from the program, but its property owners who meet the CDBG qualifications could benefit from the "Low-to-Moderate Direct Income Benefit – Home Improvement" category. Mayor Seher said that any questions regarding whether or not a property owner would qualify to participate in the program should be directed to Mr. Alex Devlin at 615-8236, who now handles the screening process for the South County area. The phone number was also listed in the City's Summer 2016 newsletter. Applications can be obtained from Mr. Alex Devlin at 615-8236.

The application for the CDBG program will be completed and filed with St. Louis County by the July 1, 2016 deadline.

It was noted that any property owner receiving funds from the CDBG program must continue to reside in his or her residence for a period of five years. Should the property owner sell his or her residence prior to the expiration of that five year period, the property owner would then be responsible for partial repayment of the funds advanced by the program. The funds are not available for use in rental property, only for use in owner-occupied dwellings. All are encouraged to take advantage of this program.

There is still a \$15,000 balance from 2015 in the city's account. Another Public Hearing will need to be held to transfer this older money to the City for use in possibly making all sidewalks ADA accessible. The CDBG would have to do an environmental review, bids requests would need to be sent out under the guidelines of the CDBG, the lowest bid would be accepted and the contracts would be provided by the CDBG.

Alderman Steel received a letter from a resident in her Ward asking if the wording for the Fair Housing Ordinance, the Policy of Nondiscrimination and the Policy of Equal Opportunity should be amended to include sexual orientation. Mr. Devlin thought that would already be covered, however, it would be the City that would determine that and not the county.

Mr. Devlin stated that all money is Federal money given to the County and passed onto the Cities with very low interest rates.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

  
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Jill Feltmann, City Clerk