

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

MINUTES OF CITY OF FERRON COUNCIL MEETING **MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY OVER ZOOM & AT FERRON CITY HALL** **12-09-2020 7:03 P.M.**

The City of Ferron meeting convened in regular session on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, in the Ferron City Hall and virtually on ZOOM, meeting commenced at 7:03 P.M.

Present: Mayor Adele Justice, Council Members Winter, Winn, Hunsaker, and Mead.,
Recorder Brittany Yeates, Treasurer Jacqueline Wilde, Maintenance Sid Swasey,
Julie Johanson, and Sherrie Swasey.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Justice opened the public hearing for the CDBG program and stated that this hearing is being called to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied under the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program. It was explained that the grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons. The Southeastern Utah region, in which Ferron City is a member, is expecting to receive approximately \$524,260 in this new program year. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Policies and Procedures Manual and interested persons can review it at any time. Mayor Justice read several of the eligible activities listed including examples, such as Construction of public works and facilities, e.g., water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, provision of public services such as food banks or homeless shelters. Also eligible are loan programs for private businesses which would then hire low-income persons and the program can also pay for housing rehabilitation or down payment assistance for low-income homeowners. Mayor Justice indicated that Ferron City was granted \$153,000 to do the new Fairgrounds restroom last year. She stated that a copy of the regional "Consolidated Plan" is available on the SEUALG's website at seualg.gov. This identifies the needs of the communities and counties in the southeastern Utah region. It was asked that anyone with questions, comments or suggestions during the hearing please identify themselves by name before they speak. The clerk will include your names in the minutes, and we would like to specifically respond to your questions and suggestions during the hearing. Council Member Hunsaker asked if streetlights would qualify. Mayor Justice responded that she didn't know if they would be considered something that would be beneficial to the low-income population, but we could look into that. Mayor Justice then asked if there were any other suggestions? The hearing was adjourned at 7:08 P.M.