

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016
2:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Simms called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald Raynor, Sr. (Late Arrival), Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin (Late Arrival)

Absent: Mayor Eugene Grant,

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- Cecile Spence, Grants Writer
- Ms. Spence presented to the City Council the Smart City Innovation Village regarding the proposal to cover Arts, Cyber Security, Green Sustainability, Healthcare and Technology. The project will be developed in two phases with the first phase expanding City Hall, as well as making it ADA Compliant. The project will include Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) and Science Technology Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM), which will assist the local schools. The locks on the current City Hall will need to be changed to make them ADA Compliant.
- The project will include an expansion for the Public Works Facility to have space for additional staffing, and an area for overnight stay in the cases of emergency.
- Councilmember Porter inquired on the expansion of the parking lot.
- Mr. Ashton stated that the idea is to have the recently installed lift in a covered building.
- Ms. Spence stated that the project does include expansion to the parking lot area.
- Chief Cotillo read his presentation to the City Council on the Seat Pleasant Information Technology Center. The technology will include city wide

surveillance cameras, shot spotter systems, live scan finger printing. The live scan can be used a revenue source for the city.

- Chief Cotillo stated that they may be installing a speed camera on Central Avenue.
- Chief Cotillo stated that the grant will cover the need for staffing and it will assist them throughout the County.
- Chief Cotillo stated that the command post will be on the top of City Hall where the monitoring will be conducted.
- Chief Cotillo stated that the shot spotters will alert the officers of the location where shots are being fired in the community.
- Mr. Ashton stated that he presented to them the value of the city being 5.2 Million Dollars.
- Mr. Ashton stated that he had completed an amortization chart, which details the payment. The amortization chart will be provided to the City Council.
- Council President Simms inquired on the feasibility study being done for the type of project.
- Mr. Ashton stated that the net worth of the city is compromised of the cash and the value of the buildings owned by the City.
- Ms. Spence stated that the USDA is very impressed with the City for proposing the project.. They were informed that the funding streams will be changing and grants will be less with the upcoming changing in the staff.
- Ms. Spence stated that Phase 2 will include the redevelopment of the Feggans Center. The site will include a mixed use facility potential for housing for seniors.
- Ms. Spence stated that it is a loan program with many potential funding source.
- Ms. Spence stated that it will require for a feasibility study, which will cost approximately \$20,000, which requires you to pay and show a shovel ready project.
- Ms. Spence stated that they are encouraged to ask for the total amount of the project of \$4.1 million.
- Mr. Ashton stated that the estimated proposal was provided by the architect /engineer.
- Councilmember Raynor stated that we need to put a move on the loan application as time is of the essence due to the changes in the staffing.
- Ms. Spence stated that the application is due in two weeks to ensure that we get the low rate.
- Ms. Spence stated that UDSA is eager to work with the City and we are considered a rural area, which we meet the criteria based upon the scoring

system. We have submitted an application on behalf of the police department. We need to submit the paper work for inter-government review, which will take 60-90 days.

- Councilmember Raynor stated that he remembers the feasibility study can be covered under a grant.
- Mr. Ashton stated that we need the council approval to move forward on the loan application.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Yeargin to allow the staff to move forward on the loan application. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

3. MEETING TOPICS:

3.1.1. None

4. LEGISLATION

- **4.1.1. Resolution R-16-10 Approval of Financing and Receipt of Funding the from the United States Department of Agriculture.**
- It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve Resolution R-16-10. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1.1. None

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1.1. PGCMA Meeting, Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the County Administration Building at 7:00p.m.

6.1.2. Regular Work Session, Monday, May 2, 2016, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20p.m.

Submitted by,


Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC
City Clerk