

The Oakley City Council met in special session on May 27, 2020, in the meeting room at the Oakley Fire Station, 215 Hudson Avenue, and streamed live at <https://www.facebook.com/discoveroakley/live> at 7:00 PM, for the object and purpose of a Public Hearing to consider an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for CDBG-CV Economic Development Program; and to elect a Council President. Mayor Stephenson presided.

Council members present. Jordan Burris, Chris Dorman, Leasa Huddle, and Ilene Nickel.

City staff present. City Administrator Bradley Pendergast, City Clerk Leann Hughes, and Police Chief Daniel Cooper

Others present. None.

Call to order. Mayor Stephenson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Clerk Hughes read a request for a special meeting, as follows: The Honorable Shane Stephenson, Mayor of the City of Oakley, Kansas. We, the undersigned Council members of the City of Oakley, Kansas, hereby respectfully request you to call a special meeting of the City Council to be held at 7:00 PM on May 27, 2020, at 215 Hudson Avenue, for the object and purpose of a Public Hearing to consider an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for CDBG-CV Economic Development Program; and to elect a Council President. Dated this 27th day of May, 2020. Signed, Ilene Nickel, Chris Dorman and Leasa Huddle, Council Members.

Mayor Stephenson thanked former Mayor, Tim Whyte, for his years of service to the City and wished him well in his future endeavors.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

CDBG-CV Hearing. Mayor Stephenson opened the Public Hearing and read the following statement:

The City of Oakley is applying for CDBG-CV funds through the Kansas Department of Commerce. The funds are care funds provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The program opened on 05/12/2020 and funds are first come-first served – state-wide. \$9,029,815 is available for issues triggered by the COVID-19 virus when no other funds are available. Only non-entitlement cities and counties can directly apply. The economic development side is to help local businesses retain jobs for LMI persons. The meal program is to supplement various programs that provide access to nutritious foods during the crisis. The Community must be an LMI community. The City can apply for up to \$400,000. \$300,000 to businesses (grants – not loans), and \$100,000 for meal programs. For businesses with 1-5 employees, up to \$25,000 per FTE can be awarded, with a maximum funding of \$30,000 per company. For businesses with 6-50 employees, up to \$35,000 per FTE can be awarded, with a maximum funding of \$50,000 per company. Our community is applying for \$100,000 to be used for the business portion. Our goal is to submit the completed application today and we will know if we are funded with 15-20 days. Costs can be retroactive to March 1, 2020. If funded, the City will create our own plan of how to prioritize funding. Businesses must make their applications for funding directly with the City. Businesses must have been in existence as of March 1, 2020.

Mayor Stephenson opened the floor for citizen comments and/or questions. There being none, Mayor Stephenson closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:04 PM.

Dorman moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-02, certifying legal authority and authorization to apply for the CDBG-CV from the Kansas Department of Commerce. Burris seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11328).

Burris moved to approve a contract with the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission to cover the administration of the CDBG-CV funds, if awarded. Dorman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (11329).

Elect President of the Council. Burris moved to elect Leasa Huddle as Council President. Nickel seconded. Motion carried. Burris, Dorman and Nickel voting yes; Huddle abstaining. Action (#11330).

Adjourn. Dorman moved to adjourn the meeting. Huddle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Action (#11331). Mayor Stephenson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:07 PM.

Leann M. Hughes, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The members of the Council acknowledged receipt of a copy of the minutes; said minutes were approved as presented at the June 1, 2020, meeting.