

CITY OF POLK CITY

PUBLIC HEARING

October 28, 2008

Polk City Government Center
123 Broadway Blvd

7:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Mayor Donald Penton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Donald Penton.

ROLL CALL

Interim City Clerk Pam Peterson

Mayor Donald Penton, Councilor Kristi Eilertsen, Councilor Dan Ames, Councilor Nancy Adorno, Vice Mayor Denico-excused absence. Also present were City Manager Cory Carrier and Interim City Clerk Pam Peterson; City Attorney Jeff Sullivan-excused absence.

A quorum was declared present.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Penton turned the meeting over to City Manager Carrier. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to hold a Public Hearing for the allocation of the Community Development Block Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Mayor Penton opened the Public Hearing; there was no public present at the meeting and the hearing was closed.

At this time City Manager Carrier advised this would be the last year of funding through the Polk County Community Development Block Grant Program; the City will now seek funding through the Small Cities CDBG Program, which is more competitive but could mean up to \$750,000 per year if the City were successful. This year's allocation from the County is approximately \$29,000 and will be used for a "full-blown skate park."

At this time Councilor Eilertsen brought up discussion from the last meeting concerning the current skate park, and what would happen if vandalism continued and the skate park is not built. City Manager Carrier advised the money would go back to the County. Councilor Adorno asked if the money could be used for something else, and was advised it could not. Mayor Penton feels the new skate park will be in an area that is more visible by the public, and the City could ask the public to call in if they see anything. Councilor Adorno asked when the City will receive a response back from the County; City Manager Carrier advised the City has already been approved for the funding, and the process we are going through tonight is to name the Project and get ideas from citizens how the money should be spent. City Manager Carrier then gave background information from the past census not being properly done and the City losing a lot of funding; she advised the City is taking a more active part for the upcoming census (Pam Peterson will be overseeing this) to ensure it will be done properly. Additional discussion took place regarding the appropriation from the County, and City Manager Carrier also advised if the skate park should cost more than the allocation, several business people has made a commitment to pay the balance.

A motion was made by Councilor Dan Ames to approve the allocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kristi Eilertsen.

Roll Call: Councilor Kristi Eilertsen-aye, Councilor Dan Ames-aye, Councilor Nancy Adorno-aye, Mayor Donald Penton-aye.

4-ayes
0-nays

City Manager Carrier advised the City has already begun the application process for the Small Cities CDBG Funding for Fiscal year 2009-2010, and we will be seeking the full amount of \$750,000. Discussion took place regarding the criteria and how the process works.

City Manager Carrier then advised she and staff are working on several things for the meeting in November:

- ❖ List of Projects the Council requested
- ❖ Revision of Personnel Policy
- ❖ Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned upon voice vote.

Interim City Clerk Pam Peterson

Mayor Donald L. Penton