

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES  
MAY 6, 2019**

**CDBG-DR UPDATE:**

Guidehouse consultant Gaurav Menon updated the city council on the status of the CDBG-DR grants and projects. He reviewed the completed projects and stated 85% of the funds (grants) have been spent. The remainder is currently in active construction or design contracts. He then gave a brief overview of timelines, stating that grantees receiving supplemental funding from FEMA (Sandy) have been granted an extended deadline of September 2022 to spend funds.

Discussion followed the update. Mr. Monteleone asked about Smart Cities projects being a consideration for part of the funding. Mr. Menon stated that when the final phase of the public engagement is completed, the results will be presented to the city council for their review and direction. There is a competitive FEMA hazard mitigation grant available (six million dollars) that Joplin will have to compete for. This type of grant supports cost-effective post-disaster projects. Some of the projects could be in the public sector or private sector. The application deadline for this grant is the middle of June. Mr. Menon stated Joplin has done well with federal funding; we have exemplary practices from HUD. We want to be a resilient community and we're working with Smart Cities. We're doing the right things so that if we get more money we can go from a reactive community to a proactive community.

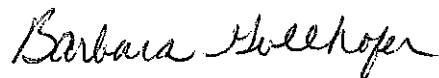
**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Shaw asked Public Works Director David Hertzberg for an update on the 15<sup>th</sup> and Illinois Avenue projects. Mr. Hertzberg replied there are 2 projects, and both are on schedule. There have been slight delays due to the weather, but contractually they're on schedule.

Dr. Reid Adams asked about the status of the former rock crushing operation on South Main Street. There have been complaints of dust and noise. P&Z Director Bolander stated he would check on this and report back to Council.

Mr. Stinnett asked about an update on the guardrails for the new drainage area on the south side of 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Project Manager Rob Beechner stated it was added into the Mohaska Trail project and should be completed sometime this summer.

The meeting ended at 5:37 p.m.



Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk