



**CITY OF GRAIN VALLEY**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
Workshop

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**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

- The Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri, met for a Workshop Session on February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Grain Valley City Hall, 711 Main Street, Grain Valley, Missouri
- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnston

**ITEM II: ROLL CALL**

- City Clerk Jamie Logan called roll
- *Present: Bass via Zoom conference, Cleaver, Headley, Knox, Mills, Stratton*
- *Absent:*

**-QUORUM PRESENT-**

**ITEM III: DISCUSSION**

**ARPA Funds**

- The point of this evening is to discuss what to do with the American Rescue Plan Act funds to provide relief from Corona Virus and economic issues signed 3/11/21; Fiscal Recovery Fund Amounts assigned to each jurisdiction was in relation to the population at that point in time; the first payment was received in the amount of 1.465 million dollars in September 2021, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> half will be received 12 months later or September 2022.
- This program states funds must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026.
- There are four categories the funds can be spent on based on the Treasury final rule 1/6/22: to respond to public health emergency, respond to workers performing essential work, provision of government services to the extent of a reduction in revenue, and to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure
- City Staff waited for guidance before presenting to the board; Public Sector Revenue Loss can be determined by using the “standard allowance” or calculate the actual revenue loss using Treasury formula
- Ineligible uses of funds include:
  - To offset a reduction in taxes
  - Deposits to pension funds
  - To fund debt service
  - To fund legal settlements
  - Deposits to financial reserves
- Proposed projects for funds:

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- CIP Projects; Constructions costs are coming back higher than what was originally forecasted for each to include:
  - James Rollo Sanitary Sewer (sewer replacements) - \$950,000
  - New Tyer Road Water Tower Design - \$400,000
    - Alderman Stratton asked if the amount of capacity/use of the current water tower was known; not known right now, but needed for future and to increase water tower capacity in the future
    - Alderman Headley asked if this water tower would replace the current tower or if this would be an additional tower; Replacement
    - Mayor Johnston asked about service interruption during the changeover; Mr. Murphy stated there could be ways to work through it using Tri-County tanks, etc.
  - Police Department Radios - \$177,000
    - Alderman Knox clarified if these were the same radios currently in the budget; Mr. Murphy stated yes, but currently only a few have been replaced at a time
    - Mr. Murphy stated the program would like for any items these funds would be used on to be forward facing and transformative for a community
  - Parks Master Plan as this has not ever been done
  - Updated Comprehensive Plan – last one was done in 2014
  - Police Body Cams - \$60,000
  - License Plate Reader - \$35,000
  - Downtown Program/Main Street Program- \$50,000; More details will be provided on this
  - Video Arraignment - \$2,000 ; this is the way of the world
    - Alderman Knox asked how that would work if someone was housed elsewhere; Mr. Murphy stated the people would stay where they are and arraign them vs. transporting them in; Ms. Osenbaugh stated many places have this technology in place already and have been asking Grain Valley for this technology
    - Alderman Stratton asked what the body cams included; Mr. Murphy stated all equipment that goes along with them
    - Alderman Knox asked if one camera per officer; yes
    - Mr. Murphy stated any of these items would come back to the board as a resolution at a later date
    - Alderman Headley stated to make sure some warranty is on some of this type of equipment; Alderman Stratton stated to make sure to include annual subscriptions, software costs, etc.
    - Alderman Bass asked if there were quotes for the Body Cam package; Ms.

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- Osenbaugh went back to the presentation slide with the estimated cost
- Mayor Johnston asked if there would be grants available
  - Alderman Knox asked if the Parks master plan could be done in house; Mr. Murphy stated no; there would be a RFP for that project and it would be timed for 2023; Even with all the projects laid out, there is still a cushion of funds available and it can be looked at again at budget time to see if any projects seem appropriate at that that time; There are hopes of construction costs coming back down by the time the bid request goes out
  - Alderman Knox asked if the money can be spent to put in a park or only the plan/design; Mr. Craig stated for general governmental services and the funds could be used for that purpose
- Main Street – Downtown Possibilities
- Change is desired in the downtown area and it comes up often in discussions with citizens
  - This money would be a potential good fit to help grow those businesses that have been downtown or are just getting started; came up in the branding discussions; it is not uncommon to see people walking the streets and inside businesses in our downtown based on the new businesses that have gone in
  - There are 25 separate parcels in the downtown area; Missouri Main Street Connection (MMSC) offers a grant to offer coaching/training, fundraising, strategy development, etc. Grain Valley fits their demographic; 60/40 split; there needs to be a sponsor for each application which would be the City; a list of stakeholders has been developed with the goal in the end of the program is that it would be a freestanding non-profit in the end; Mr. Murphy shared they held a meeting with some of the owners downtown already to ensure there is some buy in from those business owners and there is interest
  - There have been cities around us that have been through this program to include many near us (Lee’s Summit, Blue Springs, Chillicothe, Independence, Clinton, Excelsior Springs, Liberty, Warrensburg)
  - Investment could be used initially on 40% Grant Match, Training & Memberships, Façade Grants, Beautification Efforts – this one would move the fastest to include letter of intent by 3/18/22 and they would know if we receive the Award by 5/2/22
  - Alderman Knox asked where this fits with the overall zoning plan – car lots, etc.
  - Alderman Headley stated the committee working with the zoning/types of business piece should be done consecutively with this project; Mr. Murphy stated this would start that process; Alderman Headley and Alderman Knox like the idea

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- Mr. Murphy used Blue Springs' Downtown as an example of some of the changes to this point
- If the Main Street Project is one the Board was interested in, there are some deadlines to not lose the momentum; a few other items on the list would require RFP/RFQs and a longer process; equipment pieces could start sooner and present resolutions/budget adjustments for those
- These items are all from either the CIP or received from community feedback from past surveys
  - Mr. Murphy asked for feedback to help direct City Staff to move forward with various projects
- *Alderman Knox made a Motion to move forward with the next step of the items proposed for the ARPA Funds*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Cleaver*
  - *None*
- *Motion to move forward with the next step of the items proposed for the ARPA Funds*
  - *Aye: Bass, Cleaver, Headley, Knox, Mills, Stratton*
  - *Nay:*
  - *Abstain:*

**-MOTION APPROVED: 6-0-**

- Mayor Johnston stated he thought there was a lot of effort into the proposal and thought it was a good proposal
- Mr. Murphy stated the RFP went out for Nichols Building today and the deadline is March 7<sup>th</sup> and this would work into the Main Street proposal as well as that property is in that area

**ITEM IV: ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 6:44 P.M.

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Minutes submitted by:

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Jamie Logan  
City Clerk

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Date

Minutes approved by:

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Chuck Johnston  
Mayor

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