

**EVERLY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2010**

The Everly City Council held a public hearing to receive comments on the status hearing of the Every Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. Mayor Meyer called the meeting to order and declared the hearing open at 7:30 p.m. Council members present were Jeannett Trojahn, Ron Thompson, Jon Pausley, and Cathy Adkins. Also present were Kate Rice, City Clerk; Arlene Meyer with the Sentinel News; Bruce Harden, Utility Manager; Tom Roti, Western Clay/Mills Insurors; and Carol Keizer, NWIPD.

Carol Keizer from NWIPD spoke on the Housing Rehab. Program. This status hearing is being held in accordance with the requirements of the Iowa Department of Economic Development's Housing Fund Program notifying the public of the status for the Everly Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. This public hearing is an opportunity for citizens of the community to comment on the progress, status, and activities that have occurred, to date, in the City's housing rehabilitation program.

On May 11, 2007 the City of Everly was awarded a housing fund grant in the amount of \$195,000 to complete the rehabilitation of six (6) homes in the City of Everly. To date, the rehabilitation program has completed the rehabilitation on six (6) properties. One hundred percent (100%) of the funds benefited low to moderate-income homeowners. Furthermore, the rehabilitation program has spent \$171,895 of the total grant award. Also, the City has spent \$7,500 in local matching funds. A total of \$24,814 in homeowner contributions has also been made by four (4) homeowners.

The anticipated close out date will be March 31, 2010.

Mayor Meyer asked for comments on the program. The Clerk reported that she had received neither oral nor written comments. Council members had not received comments. There were no comments from those present. Mayor Meyer declared the hearing portion closed at 7:35 p.m. Keizer left at 7:35 pm.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Trojahn, seconded by Adkins. Voting aye: all. Voting nay: none. Motion passed.

Tom Roti spoke on the City's insurance with EMC as it is time for renewal. Motion was made by Trojahn, seconded by Thompson, to increase the property deductible from \$250.00 to \$1000.00. Voting aye: all. Voting nay: none. Motion passed. Roti left at 7:56 pm.

The Clerk gave a report on animal abatements, CCCF Grant that was received and others that have been applied for, and dates of Clerk School. Motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Pausley, to have the City Attorney follow through with municipal infraction on all animal abatements. Voting aye: all. Voting nay: none. Motion passed.

The Mayor and B. Harden spoke on creating a job description for the Utility Manager position as Harden will be retiring as of December 31, 2010. They discussed with Council the job qualification requirements, job titles, and advertising. R. Thompson and S. Kahl will meet with the Mayor, B. Harden, and J. Schoelerman to help create a final job description. Harden left at 8:30 pm.

The Clerk updated the Council on Habitat for Humanity. All possible recipients were to have their applications in by today and the City Attorney has filed paperwork to gain ownership of West 2nd St. lot.

A motion was made by Trojahn, seconded by Thompson to approve the HKCC liquor license. Voting aye: all. Voting nay: none. Abstaining: Adkins - due to employment. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Adkins, to set the public hearing date to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan for April 19, 2010 at 7:30 pm. Voting aye: all. Voting nay: none. Motion passed.

The Clerk reported that NWIPD is updating the City Code of Ordinances and is ready to have committee meetings to review the changes. The committees were formed and meeting dates were tentatively set.

The Mayor reported that a family would like to have a bench placed in the City Park in memory of their parents. No opposition from the Council was raised. The quarterly Sheriffs report was also discussed.

Adkins spoke about an empty house on Ocheyedon St. She was concerned about its current condition and that it might be an attractive nuisance for young adults. The Clerk was directed to update the Deputy and see about getting the home securely locked.

Being there no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Bud Meyer, Mayor

Attest:

Kate Rice, City Clerk