

# Work Session Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2024

## I. Call to Order

Mayor James Carter called to order the work session of the Woodland City Council at 5:33 PM on March 18, 2024, at the Woodland City Hall.

## II. Roll Call

The following persons were in attendance: Mayor James Carter, Councilman T. L. Carter, Councilwoman Allison Owens, Councilman John Haralson, Councilman Jeffery Mitchell, and City Clerk Allissa Gresham. Mayor Pro Tem Ebonye Holt arrived at 6:00 PM. Municipal Clerk Cynthia Powell was absent.

## III. Approval of Agenda

Councilman Carter made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Mitchell seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

- IV. Guest Speaker:** Richard Hartley discussed the LRA Grant, the CDBG project timeline, and the use of ARPA money. Clerk Gresham distributed the LRA Grant, CDBG project timeline, and ARPA information to the Mayor and Council. Rick stated the Governor approved a 250 million dollar Local Road Assistance (LRA) Grant as part of the LMIG Program for 2024. He stated the City of Woodland would receive \$11,171.83 with no required match. Rick stated the application process started on March 15, 2024, and would end on June 15, 2024. Rick suggested the Mayor and Council determine a project so Clerk Gresham could apply for the LRA Grant before the June 15, 2024 deadline. Rick discussed the CDBG timeline email from Ian Perry of the River Valley Regional Commission. He stated the CDBG Grant money would drop in April 2024 and then the City would start with drawdowns. Rick stated the engineering and design phase would take four to six months and the bidding process would take one to two months. After the City approves a bid, the project will start approximately one month later. Rick stated Ian is expecting the project to start at the end of 2024 or the beginning of 2025. Rick discussed the use of the ARPA money. Rick suggested the City move \$17,012.22 from the SPLOST 2014 account to the CDBG account and move \$15,987.78 from the ARPA account to the CDBG account for the \$33,000.00 CDBG match. Rick suggested leaving the remainder of the ARPA money in the account and deciding what to do with it after the CDBG project is bid out. Rick reviewed some possible uses for the ARPA money with the Council. Rick stated the City was under the 10 million dollar allowance and had applied for revenue replacement. He stated the City could use the ARPA money for anything the City normally pays for. He stated it could be used for City wide tree trimming, paying the monthly HWR Water Solutions or Robinson General Services invoices. Councilwoman Owens discussed using the ARPA money to establish a City of Woodland Police Department. Rick stated he would do some research on the matter and look at the budget to see if this was possible.

## V. Business Discussed

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- a) Clerk Gresham discussed the Club Court road clearing project. She stated Talbot County Assistant Manager Ronnie Hendricks stated the Talbot County Road Department will clear and put crush and run on Club Court. Mr. Hendricks stated the County could only clear the road to the dead-end point on the official City map and this would not take the road all the way through.

At this time Councilwoman Owens made a motion to amend the March 18, 2024, agenda to include discussing the Spring Fling and the Al Mitchell Band. Councilman Haralson seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

- b) Councilwoman Owens discussed the Spring Fling and the stage for the Al Mitchell Band. Councilwoman Owens stated the City would need to provide a stage for the Al Mitchell Band. Mayor Pro Tem Holt stated Mr. Mitchell said he had his own stage when he spoke with the Council during the February 12, 2024 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Owens called Mr. Mitchell and put him on speaker for the Council to discuss this matter with him. Mr. Mitchell stated he did not have a stage and the City would need to provide him with one. Mr. Mitchell suggested the City either have a stage built or have access to a flatbed trailer. Mr. Mitchell suggested someone from the Council meet him at the park on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at 1:00 PM to discuss where the stage would be set up. Councilwoman Owens agreed to meet Mr. Mitchell at the park.

## VI. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Holt made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Carter seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Mayor James Carter adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM.

Minutes Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Allissa Gresham

City Clerk

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Approval Date