

Special City Council Minutes
August 30, 2021

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hegwood. Present were Mitch Brenner, Lance DeLissa, Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth and George Lucas. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes, City Clerk Janet Gleason, Assistant City Clerk Jamie Boese and visitor Bobbie Allison.

Boese gave a power point presentation with information about the Kansas Moderate Income housing grant/loan program and the information she has put together regarding the local community. She also presented a summary of the housing committee meetings.

A housing survey is currently being conducted with homeowners and renters. Kuhns shared a list compiled by the county appraiser that had identified 87 properties that scored poor or worse.

Council felt this would be a good time to try to develop a property or two on the Bainter addition and discussed a variety of options and possible loan/grant combinations and amounts. The idea of having grant money to assist homeowners in making property improvements also appealed to the council.

Kroth will have the floor plan revisions made and Cordes will contact the county to determine if the homes would qualify for the neighborhood revitalization program and if the city would have to pay property tax on the homes. Cordes will also compile a list of contractors who would be interested in bidding as well as able to comply with a 12-month completion date for any construction.

Council will make a final decision regarding the amount of funds and distribution at the council meeting on September 13.

The application is due September 27, 2021.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Holguin to adjourn. Motion carried.