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**Public Hearing
City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
CDBG Public Infrastructure Hearing
Monday, August 17, 2026 - 6:45 p.m.**

Mayor John Lewis called the Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Present at the Public Hearing were Mayor John Lewis, Council Member Donte Moore, Council Member Jay Tate, Council Member Mike Young, City Manager Nathan McKenna, Assistant to the City Manager Kendra Donoho, City Clerk Becky Barbour, Tim Stuart, Grant Manager for Egypt Regional Planning Development Commission, and approximately 8 residents in the audience. A sign-in-sheet was available for signing and those residents had signed the attendance sheet.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor John Lewis turned the meeting over to Tim Stuart. Mr. Stuart gave the following details regarding the City's proposed Community Development Block Grant Infrastructure application for the College Street, Logan Street, and South 21st Street Water Main Replacement Project.

Mr. Stuart stated that the purpose of this hearing is to give residents, businesses, and interested parties an opportunity to review and comment on the City's proposed CDBG Public Infrastructure project before the City Council considers a resolution authorizing submission of the application. He stated that a sign-in-sheet was available and persons attending were asked to sign in and written comments also may be submitted. Mr. Stuart then gave the following information.

The City of Mount Vernon intends to apply for \$1,042,736.89 in CDBG Public Infrastructure funds for the College Street, Logan Street, and South 21st Street Water Main Replacement Project. The request includes \$1,002,736.89 for eligible construction activities and \$40,000 for CDBG activity delivery.

The proposed project will replace approximately 6,300 linear feet of aging water main at the following locations: College Street from South 30th Street to South 27th Street; Logan Street from South 25th Street to South 20th Street; and South 21st Street from College Street to Herbert Street.

The proposed CDBG-funded construction activities include replacement of the existing water mains and installation of related valves, hydrants, fittings, service connections, testing and disinfection,

pavement and surface restoration, traffic control, and other work necessary to place the new mains into service.

The project will be submitted under the CDBG National Objective of benefiting Low-to-Moderate Income persons on an area basis. The defined project service area contains 3,840 persons, including 2,535 Low-to-Moderate Income persons, resulting in an LMI benefit of 66.02 percent. Based on that percentage, approximately \$688,414.89 of the total CDBG request will benefit Low-to-Moderate Income persons.

Design engineering, permitting, bidding assistance, construction engineering, and construction observation will be paid for by the City outside the proposed CDBG project budget. These costs are not being claimed as matching funds or as additional project funding for scoring purposes.

The City has prepared a plan to minimize displacement and to provide assistance to persons actually displaced, if applicable. This water-main replacement project is expected to result in no displacement of persons, households, or businesses.

For purposes of this application, the City identifies the following community development and housing needs as priorities:

First, replacing aging and deteriorated water mains that have experienced repeated failures, service interruptions, pressure concerns, and boil-order risks.

Second, improving the reliability, safety, and efficiency of potable water service and fire-flow capability within the project area.

Third, reducing emergency repair needs, roadway damage, water loss, and recurring maintenance costs associated with failure-prone infrastructure.

Fourth, continuing to address public infrastructure, housing, accessibility, and other community development needs as funding opportunities become available.

At this time, the City invites public comment on these identified community development and housing needs. The City also invites residents, businesses, and interested parties to identify any additional community development or housing needs that should be considered. Any comments received will be included in the public hearing record.

There were no public comments.

The proposed project will improve the reliability of the City's water-distribution system by replacing aging infrastructure that has reached or exceeded its useful life. The three proposed replacement segments directly serve approximately 112 homes, and the broader defined service area contains 3,840 persons.

Application materials have been made available for public review at Mount Vernon City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mount Vernon, Illinois. CDBG records related to this application will also be maintained by the City and made available in accordance with applicable public records requirements.

At this time, we will accept public comments or questions regarding the proposed CDBG application and project.

City Manager Nathan McKenna stated that some of these projects on the list were ones that the City had previously applied for and EPA loan. The City was unable to secure funding through the request for an EPA loan, so those were pulled from a larger project in order to apply for this grant. City Manager McKenna stated that the Resolution is on the agenda for tonight's regular council meeting.

Are there any additional comments or questions?

There being no additional comments at this time, the public hearing will remain open until 7:00 p.m. to allow any additional public comments or questions regarding the proposed CDBG application, the identified community development and housing needs, or the proposed project.

Mayor Lewis stated that the time is now 7:00 p.m. Hearing no further comments, the public hearing is now closed. The City Council may now consider a resolution authorizing submission of the CDBG Public Infrastructure application.

City Council Member Jay Tate made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. The motion was seconded by City Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Barbour".

Becky Barbour, City Clerk