

ADJOURNED

COMMISSION MEETING

10:00 A.M.

MARCH 9, 2022

The Governing Body of the City of Emporia, Kansas, met in Adjourned Session, Wednesday, March 9, 2022 in the City Commission Meeting Room with Mayor Smith presiding and Commissioners Brinkman, Giefer, and Gilligan. Also present were City Manager Cocking, Assistant City Manager Massey, City Clerk Sull and City Attorney Montgomery. Commissioner Sauder arrived at 10:03 a.m.

CITY COMMISSION

**(Establish Major Economic Development Program Grant Committee)
(Resolution Number 3667)**

City Manager Cocking stated the City of Emporia will received \$3,754,879.00 in American Rescue Plan funds from the Federal Government intended maintain vital public services, equipment request, deferred maintenance projects and small and large capital projects by making investments that support long-term growth and opportunity. He stated the City has been presented with requests for funding from educational institutions and community organizations to aid in pandemic recovery. A portion of the City's ARPA funding could be used to establish grant opportunities for local organizations and educational institutions to aid in the community to improve overall economic well-being of the community. Staff is targeting \$750,000.00 in ARPA funding to be utilized for this program. This proposed resolution would establish a grant committee to review external applications requesting the use of City ARPA funds as follows:

Each City Commission shall appoint one representative to the Grant Committee. The appointed members and their immediate family may not be employed or serve on the board of directors of any organization submitting an application.

A uniform application that includes the total amount of funding to be sought, expected economic benefits to the greater Emporia community, other federal funding that each organization has sought and/or received, additional requests for funding from the City expected over the next five (5) years, sustainability, matching funds, and other items necessary to review each grant.

The range of grant requests shall be from \$50,000.00 to \$400,000.00.

Deadline for grant applications will be 21 days after the City makes the application available. The Grant Committee shall submit written recommendations to the Governing Body within 14 days after the application deadline.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to approve Resolution Number 3667, a resolution establishing a Grant Committee to review applications for pandemic recovery funds. Commissioner Giefer seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

Commissioner Brinkman then made a motion to recess to the Study Session in the City Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Gilligan seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Smith aye.

The Commission returned from recess following the Study Session.

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to recess to the Strategic Planning Meeting in the Emporia Police Department Conference Room. Commissioner Giefer seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

The Commission returned from recess following the Strategic Planning Meeting. Commissioner Gilligan then made a motion to close the meeting. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye. Commissioner Sauder was absent.

Becky Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kerry Sull, City Clerk