

Minutes of the **PUBLIC HEARING** of the Common Council of the City of Chetek held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 5:40 p.m. in the council chambers, 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI.

Mayor, Jeff Martin presiding.

Hearing was called to order. Roll call was taken.

Council Members in attendance: Denise Moran, Mark Eby, Mark Edwards, Scott Bachowski, Mayor Martin.

Also present: Carl Cooley, editor Chetek Alert

The purpose of the hearing is to inform the public about the funding program, the project being applied for, and to gather citizen input.

No other public in attendance at the hearing.

Megan Olson with West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission presented the overview of the CDBG program.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a federally funded grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds are passed from HUD to the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) who is responsible for administering the program at the state level.

The City of Chetek is applying for a CDBG grant for the purpose of completing a housing study focused on meeting the needs of low to moderate income persons. Chetek has determined there is a need to study housing issues and has agreed to be the applicant for the seven housing studies consisting of Barron County, City of Barron, City of Rice Lake, Village of Cameron, City of Cumberland, and Village of Turtle Lake. The requested funding for this project is \$31,600 - which is 50% of the anticipated cost of the housing study.

There are five CDBG programs that DOA administers. All five programs provide grants to general purpose units of local government which principally benefit low-and-moderate income households. Only units of local government, including towns, villages, cities, and counties with a population of less than 50,000 are eligible to apply.

The project will consist of six individual community studies and a county-level study. Each of the studies will include analysis of the community's housing supply, land availability and costs, housing demand, housing gaps, as well as recommendations, Barron County Housing data, and a community housing toolbox. There will also be six community public housing forums where the public will be invited to hear the conclusions of the study and asked for input.

Motion to adjourn the hearing by Moran, 2nd by Eby. carried.

Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer