

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
January 30, 2023**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in a special meeting on December 30, 2022, 12:00 P.M, at 945 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Phillipsburg, KS for the object and purpose to consider and take action on the authorization of a BASE grant application for housing and for an executive session to discuss a non-elected personnel matter.

**ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Mike James; Terry McConnell; Jeanette Harris; Tracy Sanson.

**ABSENT:** Councilmembers Vickie Gibbs; Pete Rogers.

**ALSO PRESENT:** S. Scott Sage, City Attorney; Ron Jansonius; Pastor Alex Parks; Max Campbell, Mike Reese; Kent Footh; Breton R. Miles, Mayor; Tiffini Gross, City Clerk; Tim Driggs, Director of Public Works; Rachel Martin.

Mayor Miles called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States was led by Mayor Miles.

**BASE GRANT  
APPLICATION SUPPORT  
LETTER AUTHORIZED**

Driggs reported Phillips County Economic Development (PCED) is wanting to submit a BASE grant application for housing and would like a support letter signed by the city and the county showing a cooperative partnership towards growth in Phillips County. Driggs read the letter of support that City of Phillipsburg and Phillips County are fully committed to helping develop new business and residential housing. Summit Agricultural Group made a \$250 million investment by purchasing the Prairie Horizon Ag Energy Plant and construction of a new gluten plant that has begun advertising for approximately fifty new jobs drastically increasing the need for housing.

Campbell stepped out of the meeting for two minutes and returned.

Discussion was held. Moved by Sanson, seconded by McConnell to authorize the BASE grant application for housing and the future of Phillipsburg and Phillips County. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Caleb Breon, PCED Director, arrived- time 6:05 p.m.

Breon gave an overview of the plan to utilize a property west of town, that has been engineered to hold 172 homes. The grant application would help fund the infrastructure for 29 homes to be built. He stated that the application is allowed a limited number of support letters, so they are asking the city and county to sign one combined support letter. The application deadline is tomorrow. Awards will be announced mid-March. The grant is ARPA funds distributed through the Department of Commerce. Once approved, the goal would be to start the project this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by James, seconded by McConnell for the city council to recess into executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) with council, mayor, Sage, Driggs, and Footh in attendance and the open meeting to resume in the city council chamber at 6:25 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Gross, Martin, Campbell, Reese, Jansonius, Parks left the meeting- time 6:10 p.m.

Gross, Martin, Campbell, Reese, Jansonius, Parks returned to the meeting- time 6:26 p.m.

Mayor Miles called the meeting back to order and no action was taken.

ADJOURN

Moved by McConnell, seconded by Sanson to adjourn- time 6:27 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

  
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Tiffini Gross, City Clerk

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