CITY OF SYLVESTER PUBLIC HEARING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020 @ 11 A.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Charles Jones; Councilman Mark Giddens; Autron Hayes, City Manager; Carolyn Williams, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Charles Jones

SUBJECT: <u>Application to Georgia Department of Community Affairs for Small Cities CDBG</u>

Mayor Jones opened by stating the hearing was held to get citizen input on potential projects. Mr. Hayes gave a listing of eligible activities for CDBG. They provide a housing grant, \$750 thousand, no match required and a public facility housing grant that requires a 5% cash-match for all funds received above \$300 thousand. There is a \$750 thousand dollar Economic Development Grant, with a 5% matching requirement. Lastly, there is a Multi-Activity Grant that includes both housing and public facilities of 1 million dollars. The first \$300 thousand is match-free; anything over the next \$450 thousand requires a 5% cash match, anything above \$750 thousand requires a 10% cash-match.

The public hearing is to receive input from the public at large regarding projects they favor. Applications to DCA are due April 1, 2021. It is a competitive process and counties and cities are scored on several categories. There must be some commitment of resources from local government. Mr. Hayes cited many city improvements due to CDBG. Grant administration is key to a successful grant program.

There were no public comments.

The Mayor duly adjourned the Public Hearing at 11:15 AM.

Charles Jones, Mayor

Carolyn Williams, City Clerk