

CITY OF MERRILL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 8:00 A.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
1004 E. First Street

Voting members: Ronald Peterson, Chairman, Alderman Tim Meehean, Pete Koblitz, Nancy Kwiesielewicz, Adam Rekau, Daniel Schneider and Betsy Wiesneski.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Public Comment
3. May 23, 2017 meeting minutes
4. Update on 2017Community Development Block Grant Housing Loan Program
5. The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. State Statutes Sec. 19.85 (1) (f) for consideration of personal financial data related to File#18002 & File#18003.
6. If the Committee has convened in closed session, the Committee will then reconvene in open session; the committee will possibly take action on File#18002 & File#18003
7. Adjourn

Ronald Peterson, Chairman

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, May 23, 2017, City Hall, Merrill, WI

Present: Mary Ball, Pete Koblitz, Daniel Schneider, Adam Rekau and Betsy Wiesneski.

Present: Shari Wicke, Community Development Program Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Koblitz made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; seconded by Mr. Schneider. The motion carried.

No public comment.

Shari Wicke presented the following homeowner loan application:
File#9771 – (A family of five with an income of \$52,867.) – The limit is \$54,450.
Requesting a loan to replace her failing furnace. Requesting a loan up to \$3000.

Ms. Wiesneski made a motion to approve the above homeowner loan; seconded by Mr. Schneider, motion carried.

Shari Wicke presented the following homeowner loan application:
File#9775 – (A single disabled man with an income of \$13,944.) – The limit is \$35,300.
Requesting a roof and four windows to be replaced. Requesting a loan up to \$7,500.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the above homeowner loan; seconded by Ms. Ball, Mr. Rekau opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Rekau stated that he would like proof in writing from each Community Development Housing applicant that they have made an attempt to get a loan and denied by a bank for assistance. Ms. Ball requested I provide at the next meeting a report that show the housing activity to better understand their role as a committee member. There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Ball made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Wiesneski. The motion carried. Adjournment was at 8:25a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Wicke

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROWTH IN 2017



Prepared by
Shari P. Wicke, Community Development Program Coordinator
January 3, 2018

Community Development Department:

The purpose of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is to rehabilitate and improve residential property occupied by low and moderate income (LMI) residents in the City of Merrill. CDBG loans are specifically used to improve the home with siding, roof, windows, insulation, doors, drywall repairs, furnace, water heater, and plumbing. This program is a win/win situation for the homeowner and the City. The homeowner gets a 0% deferred loan to make improvements to their home and the City benefits by cleaning up the neighborhoods and a possible increase in tax base. Homeowner applicants must have adequate equity in their property to secure the City's CDBG loan.

2017 Community Development (CDBG) Loans to City Residents:

- 23 Homeowner applicants were contacted by the Community Development Program Administrator in 2017
- 12 were denied for various reasons; no security, homeowner denied loan, delinquent on property taxes, foreclosure or bankruptcy procedures have been filed.
- 9 Homeowners in the City were granted a loan for rehabilitation in 2017. Homeowner loans totaling \$67,513.80
- Working with 2 Active files.
- Since 1985 the CDBG Program has assisted 619 homeowners in the City of Merrill. We currently have funded \$5,737,613.20 in CDBG Housing mortgages for the community.
- The CDBG Program has assisted 32 Landlords that rent to low to moderate income tenants in the City of Merrill. We currently have funded \$690,627.01 in CDBG Rental mortgages for the community.
- The CDBG Program has reimbursed \$1,750.00 to the city for my wages from the Inspection fee charge.
- The 2017 reimbursed amount to the city for Shari Wicke's wages from the Community Development Block Grant Administration \$9,848.95.