COUNCIL RECONVENES MARCH 27, 2018:

I. RE-CALLED TO ORDER MARCH 27, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M. BY: Mayor - Frances Perry

II. Motion made to re-open Council Meeting from March 13, 2018 for discussion of business item DHCD Park Street Housing Rehabilitation Project Grant Submission.

Motion: Vice Mayor, Roger Cassell 2nd: Council Member, Ron Kindle VOTE: Aye, 5

Nay, Absent,

Abstain **Motion carries.**

ROLL CALL – Town Clerk – Wayne Bledsoe

PRESENT:	ABSENT:
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III. NEW BUSINESS

- DHCD Park Street Housing Rehabilitation Project Grant Submission.
 - Mayor Frances Perry introduced Frank Kibler, Senior Planner, Lenowisco Planning District, for further discussion of the DHCD Park Street Housing Rehabilitation Project Grant Submission.
 - Two spreadsheets with two options for Council consideration were presented. Each has 9 homes for rehabilitation, along with 2 demolitions.
 - o Resolutions for wither option have been prepared for signature.
 - Option 1:
 - O Town of Gate City's in-kind match being the cost of demolition of 2 houses within the project area, which estimates at \$35,000. Total project cost: \$523,700.
 - Option 2:
 - Town of Gate City's in-kind match covers the cost of "Site Rehabilitation", covering the cost of cleanup for 4 parcels of land at an estimated \$3,000 each. This would make the town of Gate City's in-kind amount at \$12,000. Total project cost: \$534,200.
 - Option also exists for a 100% grant funding proposal, with no in-kind contribution from the Town of Gate City. This will affect scoring of the project, as this is one of the scoring criteria, and could adversely affect the approval of the grant.
 - Questions:

- If asbestos abatement is included in the grant, and the cost exceeds the estimate, is the amount added to the grant?
 - Doubtful. It is not anticipated the costs will exceed the estimate.
- o If the asbestos abatement is high, can the monies be used for other areas of the project?
 - DHCD should be amenable to doing this. The budget can be amended once the project moves forward. A Housing Rehabilitation Board will be established.
- When would the Housing Rehabilitation Board need to be established?
 - After the grant is awarded, and the project is under contract.
- The original scope of the project was to include 13 homes at a significantly higher cost than what is now proposed. How was this project pared to 9, and why the significant decrease in cost?
 - DCHD has limits on the amount that can be allocated to each site. These limits were not known at the time of the original estimates. Some homes did not qualify for grant inclusion, whether due to condition or income (LMI not met).
- Who would administer the grant? If it is the Housing Rehabilitation Board, are they paid to administer?
 - The Board will consist of a Grant Administrator, chosen by the Town. LENOWISCO does provide these services, however, if the Town chooses not to use LENOWISCO, the Town must go through procurement of services, as it would with any other contract or RFP.
 - The Board will also consist of a Rehabilitation Specialist, which is the "engineer" of the project. Properties are submitted for bid, and the contractor(s) are chosen to do the work.
 - The Board is an unpaid position, involving Town Manager, Council Members, Rehabilitation Specialist, and consist of 6-8 members. There are specified persons that DHCD expects to be on this board.
- Project estimates are listed for each house. When Council votes on an option, is the vote for the total project and not individual line-items?
 - Yes. These are estimates. If one project comes in under estimate, and another goes over, the budget doesn't have to be amended for each.
- If a rehabilitation cannot be placed in its original location due to zoning ordinances, what happens? Does the property owner retain the property?
 - The project may involve a complete relocation, and if the home cannot be rebuilt on the property, a complete relocation may occur. Special Use and Exception permits can also be applied for in these situations.
- o If a property owner relocates, who maintains the property maintenance?
 - Depends upon the ownership of the property.
- Motion made to move forward with DHCD Park Street Housing Rehabilitation Project Grant Submission OPTION TWO LOCAL IN-KIND COMMITMENT OF \$12,000.

Motion by: Council Member Allan "Cotton" Roberts

2nd by: Council Member Robin Richards

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Mayor Roger Cassell AYE
Council Member, Allan "Cotton" Roberts
AYE

Council Member, Robin Richards AYE
Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. AYE
Council Member, Ron Kindle AYE

Motion Carries.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn.

Motion by: Council Member Allan "Cotton" Roberts

2nd by: Council Member Ron Kindle

VOTE: Aye: 5

Nay: Absent: Abstain:

^{*}Mayor Perry adjourned the meeting at 7:25 P.M.