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WESTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021
7:00 P.M.
18 S CENTER WESTON, IDAHO

MAYOR: GREG GARNER
COUNCIL: RYAN BECKSTEAD, SCOTT VAHSHOLTZ (BY PHONE), TRAVIS JOHNSON, SARAH LAYLAND
CLERK: SHARON KROPF
VISITORS: DANIEL PARRISH

Workshop meeting with Daniel Parrish to talk about applying for an Idaho Broadband Grant through CARES funding. Any public entity can apply for a grant to bring broadband to their town. The city would get the money and then a provider can bring broadband to the town and operate it at the end of the project. The grant must be submitted by July 15 and the project would have to be done by the end of this year. The grant isn't easy to write and Daniel Parrish with Direct Communications recommended that either Amanda with SICOG or Kathy Rey with Economic Development write the grant. The grant writer can be paid through the grant if we get it. Scott wanted to make sure we know how much the city will have to pay for the grant writing if we don't get the grant. Mayor Garner will ask Amanda with SICOG to see if she would write it and how much she would charge. If it would cost too much, we will ask Kathy.

If we do get the grant, the city would be responsible to apply for the money after the grant is written and to handle all in-city permitting.

Usually Direct Communications charges whatever the lowest advertised rate is for broadband in the area.