

Special Meeting Town Council & Public Meeting March 28, 2023

Mayor Joseph Svingala presided. Council present were Lynda Linkswiler, CarrieAnn Evans, Patricia Mead, Victor Szatkowski, Dr. Robert Warren, Bud Eckels, Town Clerk Andrea Almeida, and Deputy Clerk Kelly Krupski.

Mayor Joseph Svingala led the pledge to Flag.

Meeting called to Order and Welcome Visitors at 6:00 pm.

Guest Speakers Present:

Ron Vanzant- Jordan & Associates

Mike Tibble- Mittauer & Associates

Public Hearing Item-

Community Development Block Grant

Ron Vanzant gave a review of how much the bid came in over the budget for the grant. On March 14, a new grant was applied for the Rural Infrastructure fund. The Town has not seen the results as of this time.


Mike Tibble states a time from of 30 to 60 days to have an answer for the new funding.

Ron Vanzant explained that the funding comes from the States ARPA funds.

Currently the town has 3 options to proceed. The 1st option is if the funds do not come through. If not, then the town needs to value engineer. The 2nd option is to just wait. The 3rd is to seek additional funds through the CDBG fund that will take 30-90 days. Mayor Svingala asked about taking items out and waiting to see what happens with the funds. Ron Vanzant explained that the 3rd option is totally optional. Option 1 has already been completed. Ron Vanzant explained it will be prioritizing the towns wants. The 30-90 will give you a firm no or not. Councilwoman Linkswiler asked how much longer we can put off the roof at the Community Center.

Councilman Eckels stated that the roof in the library was leaking. Deputy Clerk Krupski explained that the Public Works Superintendent checked the roof. Martha Mann asked about the deadline on the quote. Mayor Svingala explained the process of going back out to bid.

Mike Tibble stated that the contractor is willing to work with the town on the time frame and funds. Mayor Svingala asked about getting numbers for the projects. Mike Tibble explained that the Council would need to sit down with the contractor. Deputy Clerk Krupski explained to the council that the break down provided was a material list not a project list. She also explained the worksheet and the priorities of the council. Councilman Eckels asked about individual adds for each contractor. Martha Mann asked about the cost for the ad. Mike Tibble explained that the cost would be more if it was more on the engineers. Larry Flaman asked about cost for projects, if we remove items then do we need to readvertise. Mayor Svingala answered yes. Mike Tibble spoke that he was not sure on that, because of the only one bidder. Ron Vanzant explained the process to meet CDBG requirements and what the DEO requires. It all depends on what pieces are removed. The recommendation is to ask CDBG for more funds.



Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow the Council to apply for more funds from the CDBG, Councilman Warren 2nd the motion. The Vote is Unanimous. Martha Mann asked about going to the contractor and working half the budget. Mike Tibble stated it would be based on the priority list. Mike Tibble asked for a member to be a part of the Contractor meetings to report back to Council. Mayor Svingala asked to wait until the April meeting to pick someone.

Councilwoman Evans motion to adjourn at 6:35pm.

