

PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 29, 2019

6:00

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Mayor and Town Council members present were Melissa Lunsford, Jamie Paden, George Davidson, Valerie Rogers and Emily Thomas. KayDee Gilkey came a few minutes late.

Others present were Bryan Hicks, Perry Paden, Steve and Angie Walk, Justin Gust, Devin Billington and Cheryl Loeffler.

CDBG Public Hearing CDBG Grant Funds

Mayor Pro-Tem Jamie Paden opened the public hearing at 6:00 pm to discuss possible projects for the upcoming Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding cycle.

Bryan Hicks of Century West Engineering has been discussing possible projects with Devin and he brought to the meeting more specifics for these possible projects. Projects are rated better in the \$200,000-220,000 range and Fairfield has not been eligible for this funding for at least five years.

The first project is to install a mixer into the Skyview reservoir. This would help to prevent damage from the ice build-up on the inside of the reservoir. Also included with this application is to extend the overflow on the reservoir with about 800 feet of pipe down to Prairie View and to do some basic improvements to the current SCADA system to get it running or to replace the entire SCADA system with a possible cloud-based program. It may be an easier funding route to get basic control in place and build on the SCADA system each year. The SCADA or telemetry is the program that tells the wells when to run and shut off.

Devin made the comment that as of today, public works has been manually running the water system for 220 days.

Another possible project would be in the sewer system replacing more of the clay sewer lines which would minimize the I&I. These increased flows put additional stress onto the treatment plant. Depending upon how many blocks that require new lines, this project could be around \$200,000.

The advisory board requests that if there is more than one project, that they be prioritized and to note if the project could still happen if not all funding requested is given.

With no other public comment, the public hearing was closed at 6:27.

ACTION

Jamie moved to put forth applications for CDBG with the first priority being the Skyview Reservoir, overflow and SCADA system and second priority being replacing clay sewer lines, noting a potential \$24,000 match; seconded by Melissa. The motion carried 5-0.

Building permit 2019-07

Shop at 204 S 4th

The recommendation from the PCIB is that the council approve Building Permit #2019-07 which is a shop at 204 S 4th Avenue.

ACTION

Emily moved to accept the PCIB's recommendation and approve Building Permit #2019-07; seconded by Melissa. The motion carries 5-0.

2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP

The council reviewed the water and sewer funds for both 2019 and proposed budget for 2020.

The loan from the Dept of Ecology for the design of the treatment plant is scheduled to have the last payment of \$5,584.70 in 2020. The council suggested that the loan be paid off in 2019 and to keep the already budgeted amount of \$10,578.98 as a line item for future budgets to make an additional principal payment on the USDA loan.

Suggested to Increase amounts for training and maintenance in both funds and to continue to transfer \$50,000 from the Water Fund 401 to Water Capital #403. It was also suggested to put the utility connection fees into the capital funds.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the council meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.



KayDee Gilkey, Mayor



Cheryl Loeffler, Clerk/Treasurer