



**TOWN OF AYDEN
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

March 24, 2014 7:00 p.m. (Special Called Meeting)
Ayden Town Hall – Second Floor District Courtroom

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Call to Order

Mayor Tripp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Tripp

Commissioners Davenport, Harris, Ross, and Skinner

Absent:

Commissioner Mewborn

Also Present:

Leonard Barefoot – Interim Town Manager

Robert Sutton – Director of Public Works & Utilities

Chris Tucker – Finance Director

Rich Moore – Project Engineer, McDavid & Associates

II. PUBLIC HEARING: CDBG Infrastructure Project

Interim Town Manager Barefoot explained that, having duly advertised a Notice of Public Hearing on March 13th, the Governing Board called a special meeting to solicit input from the public on a proposed application for a CDBG Grant.

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Tripp declared the Public Hearing to be open. With there being no public comments, the hearing was closed.

Rich Moore (McDavid Associates), who is the administrator for the CDBG project, distributed a handout to Board members detailing the CDBG Infrastructure/Economic Development Program, which is the subject of the Public Hearing (see attachment). Highlights include:

- In 2013, the NC General Assembly directed all CDBG Funding to be used for water and sewer infrastructure and economic development only
- NC's new program receives applications for water and/or sewer activities and will rank applications based on economic needs, severity of need, and system management

- HUD requires that the project must benefit at least 51% of low to moderate income households in the target population
 - ✓ McDavid Associates completed its door-to-door income survey and confirmed that at least 51% of Ayden's households fall into the low to moderate income category
- The CDBG Grant Application for infrastructure projects does not require a local dollar match

Mayor Tripp asked if the Board had any questions for Mr. Moore. There were none.

III. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business before the Board, Mayor Tripp called for a motion and subsequent vote to adjourn.

Motion: Commissioner Harris

Second: Commissioner Skinner

Discussion: None

Approved: 4-0

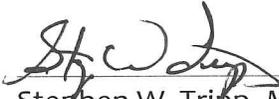
The motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm was approved.

CERTIFICATION

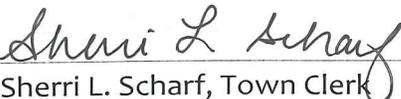
Minutes from the March 24th, 2014 special called meeting were adopted and certified this 14th day of April 2014 in Ayden, North Carolina.



AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA


Stephen W. Tripp, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherri L. Scharf, Town Clerk

2013 CDBG Infrastructure/Economic Development Program Town of Ayden Public Hearing #1

CDBG General Information

CDBG – Community Development Block Grant

CDBG funds originate at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are block granted to the State of North Carolina to administer and distribute.

Town of Ayden is eligible to apply for and receive these funds through the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Funding

The State has historically received approximately \$40 - \$45 million from HUD to distribute through the Small Cities CDBG program.

In 2013, the State Legislature directed all CDBG funds be used for water and sewer infrastructure and economic development only.

The State will allocate an estimated \$26 million to water and sewer and \$16 million to economic development with fiscal year 2013 funds.

State Organization and Funding Limitations

The State has established a “Water Infrastructure Authority” to establish guidelines and manage the distribution of Infrastructure funds through the Division of Water Resources (DWR) which is a division of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). The Authority will make all final funding awards.

Program Design

The new State program will receive applications for water and/or sewer activities, and will rank applications based on Economic Need, Severity of Need and System Management.

Economic Need – the program will rate Economic Need based on the following items:

1. Low and Moderate Income (LMI) % of the population served by the improvements
2. Published Poverty Rate of jurisdiction where the project is located
3. High Unit Cost calculation of local utility rates

By HUD requirements, the project must benefit at least 51% LMI.

Severity of Need-Water – the program will rate Severity of Need for water based on activities to address the following priorities:

1. Contaminated drinking water
2. Dry private wells
3. High system water loss
4. Rehabilitation of older water treatment plants
5. New water treatment plants for un-served areas
6. Low system water pressure
7. Regionalization of water systems and management

Severity of Need-Sewer – the program will rate Severity of Need for sewer based on activities to address the following priorities:

1. Failing septic system elimination
2. Regionalization of sewer systems and management
3. Rehabilitation of older collection system components
4. Rehabilitation of older wastewater treatment plants
5. New wastewater treatment plants to serve un-served areas

System Management– the program will award additional points for the following:

1. Operating ratios
2. Capital Improvement Plan
3. Asset Management Plan
4. Regionalization

The program will also award additional points for systems under a Special Order by Consent (SOC), under an administrative order or with multiple violation notices.

Match

The program does not require and local match.

The Legislature designated CDBG funds only be used for public infrastructure which does not allow a Grantee to use CDBG funds for house connections or well/septic tank abandonment.

Therefore, other funds, either local or private, must be included in the program for these items.

Requested Actions

1. Receive public comment