

**Public Hearing  
North Powder City Council  
Monday, August 3, 2020  
6:30PM Wolf Creek Grange**

Attendance: Mayor Mike Wisdom, Councilors David "Shorty" Schwehr, Joyce Lawyer, Jeff Grende, Logan McCrae, and City Recorder Beth Wendt.  
Councilors Dennis Lefever and Mike Morse were absent.

Mayor Mike Wisdom called the first public hearing for a Community Development Block Grant for the Wastewater project for a new construction grant to order at 6:30PM.

Mayor Mike read the following notice: "The City of North Powder is also eligible to apply for a 2020 Community Development Block Grant from the Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes. Approximately \$12 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2020. The maximum grant that a city or county can receive for a public works project is \$2,500,000. The City of North Powder is preparing an application for a 2020 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon for Construction of Wastewater System Improvements: Construction project for the Fall round.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council at 6:30 pm on August 3, 2020 at the Wolf Creek Grange 215 "E" Street, North Powder. The purpose of this hearing is for the City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about the scope of the proposed project and Fall round application. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by July 31st at 635 3rd St, PO Box 309, North Powder, OR 97867. Written, oral, and emailed comments (email: [cityofnp@eoni.com](mailto:cityofnp@eoni.com)) will be reviewed by the City Council. It is estimated that the project will benefit at least 439 persons of whom 71.84% are low or moderate income.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact City Recorder Beth Wendt at (541) 898-2185 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting.

More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed projects, and records about the City of North Powder's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review at City Hall: 635 3rd St, North Powder, OR 97867 during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, contact City Recorder Beth Wendt at (541) 898-2185 so that appropriate assistance can be provided.

Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate-income housing that is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced."

There was no written or emailed comments.

Councilor Shorty Schwehr clarified that we are working toward applying for a construction grant, projected to be finished next year. Beth said that is the plan. We are hoping to be able to apply for the fall round but we are waiting on some final approvals so we may miss the fall deadline and will have to wait until February to apply for a construction grant. This hearing will still count toward that grant application cycle. We hope that even if we don't get to apply until February, we will still be able to stick

to the schedule to finish by the end of December next year. However, if we aren't able to do that, we are working with DEQ to see what needs to be done to extend that deadline.

Councilor Joyce Lawyer clarified that the project would be put out for bids after we get the grant.

There were no more questions or comments.

Public Hearing closed at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Wendt  
City Recorder

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