



BLACKDUCK CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020 @ 6:00PM
USDA COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT REQUEST
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The City Council of the City of Blackduck met in Public Hearing at Blackduck City Hall at 6:00pm. February 26, 2020. Meeting called to order by Vice Mayor Paige Moore and the Pledge of Allegiance was not stated.

ROLL CALL:

Councilors present: Councilors Kolb, Moore, Roth, and Gulette

Councilors Absent: Mayor Patch

Staff Present: City Administrator Christina Regas, and Public Works Supervisor Mike Schwanke

Others Present: Tony Rossberg

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Moved by Councilor Gulette and seconded by Councilor Roth to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. USDA Community Facilities Fact Sheet – City Administrator Regas provided the highlights regarding the grant request requirements from USDA. Regas summarized the requirements of the Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant program. Regas stated those requirements include: who is eligible to apply for the program; how the funds may be used; how the grant is approved; and local match requirements. Regas stated grant funds must be available which they are in 2020 and that community of Blackduck that has a population of 5,000 or fewer in population and the MHI requirement. Regas further stated that with the qualifications for Blackduck provide the City with the potential to receiving a maximum amount of \$50,000 with remaining funding for the equipment being the fiscal responsibility of the City.
2. Feasibility Report/Narrative - Regas summarized the feasibility report included in the agenda that states the on-going concern the City of Blackduck currently has for the state of the aging public works equipment and the issues that arise every year while removing snow from the local streets. Regas further stated the community facilities grant provides Blackduck with the opportunity to acquire a piece of equipment that will have various uses throughout the year and in clearing snow in the winter months. Regas stated that public works would benefit from adding a skidsteer to the equipment inventory to accomplish this. Regas further stated that based on the limited grant funding of \$50,000 a skidsteer would be the best candidate for the request. Regas further stated the entire inventory of the public works department is up for review and will need careful consideration for replacement in the coming years.
3. Project Cost – Regas reported that based on vendor estimates the cost of a skidsteer could cost \$64,000 - \$72,000. Regas stated these estimates provide create a local match after the grant of \$15,000 - \$25,000. Regas further stated the local match could be funded in many ways including local reserves, or loan for the life of the equipment.
4. General Questions & Answers – Vice Mayor Moore opened the floor to questions. Regas requested the public state their name prior to asking questions for the record.
There were no questions from the public.
5. Second Call for Questions – Vice Mayor Moore called for questions a second time.
There were no questions from the public.
6. Third Call for Questions – Vice Mayor Moore called for questions a third time.
There were no questions from the public.



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ADJOURN – Moved by Councilor Kolb and seconded by Vice Mayor Moore to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Christina Regas, City Administrator

Rudy Patch, Mayor