

CITY OF POCA TELLO, IDAHO
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
APRIL 13, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Mayor Brian Blad called the City Council Work Session to order
ROLL CALL at 9:06 a.m. Council members present were Rick Cheatum,
Linda Leeuwrik, Corey Mangum, Josh Mansfield, Scott Marchand
and Brent Nichols.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Representatives from the Construction Board of Appeals and
CONSTRUCTION Review were not present to discuss the Board's goals and
BOARD OF APPEALS projects, as well as Council's policies and expectations.
AND REVIEW UPDATE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Representatives from the Community Development Block Grant
CDBG ADVISORY (CDBG) Advisory Committee were present to discuss the
COMMITTEE UPDATE Committee's goals and projects, as well as Council's policies and
expectations.

Christine Howe, Grants Manager, gave an overview of the CDBG Committee activities. She reviewed the purpose and duties of the CDBG Advisory Committee. Ms. Howe noted activities that CDBG helps funds including; Housing, Public Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Public Services and Administration and Planning. She mentioned some highlights from the past year including housing projects, Public Services and Facilities projects, Public Infrastructure improvements and Administrations and Planning.

Heather Disselkoe n, Chair of CDBG Committee, gave an overview of a new scoring tool to help the committee decide which programs are recommend for grant funding. She noted that it gives clear delineations as to how each of the categories is scored. Ms. Disselkoe n explained that each member fills out an individual score sheet for each applicant, then scores are entered into a spreadsheet, totaled, averaged and ranked by score.

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Howe explained that the finalists must come in and present their application, which helps inform the committee and applicants are able to make any clarifications outside of the scoring tool. She noted the greatest need in the community is housing needs; such as rental deposits and rental assistance. Ms. Howe explained the grant loan program and that it is not self-sustaining; therefore, it is necessary for CDBG funding annually.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Representatives from the Pocatello Fire Union were present to
FIRE UNION give the Council an update of their activities for the past quarter.
QUARTERLY UPDATE

Jordan VanEvery, representing the Pocatello Fire Union, gave an update of the Union activities for the last quarter. He noted the various charities in the community that the Pocatello Fire Union was able to donate to: Aid for Friends, Food Bank, SEICCA and Highland High School fund raiser to help buy Christmas for families in need. Mr. VanEvery added that they participated in the annual Stairclimb for leukemia fund raiser and were able to raise \$9,000.00. He noted the concern about Perfluorooctane Sulfonate or Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid (PFOS) that is referred to as a forever chemical and is cancer causing. Mr. VanEvery added that all fire protection gear contains high levels of PFOS and they are working on swapping out old fire gear with PFOS free gear, but there is a substantial increase in cost for the PFOS free gear. He noted that there may be testing for PFOS levels added to blood testing in the future.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Representatives from the Pocatello Police Union were present to give the Council an update of their activities for the past quarter.
POLICE UNION
QUARTERLY UPDATE

Zac Bartschi and Stephanie Harris, representing the Pocatello Police Union, gave an update of Union activities for the last quarter. These items include the following: participation in “Shop with a Cop”, the “Night Light Parade”, “Give the Cops a Bird” fundraiser and “Secret Santa” events to provide for families during the holiday months. Mr. Bartschi noted the union is currently hosting the Pocatello Police Citizens Academy and that the program allows citizen to learn about all aspects of law enforcement. Ms. Harris stated that in an effort to retain and recruit officers, PPD staff attended the ISU tech expo and the annual Shoshone Bannock Job and Resource event. Mr. Bartschi and Ms. Harris thanked the Council for their continued support of community events.

In response to a question from Council, Ms. Harris gave an overview of the mental health employee assistance program that is offered by the Police Department. She noted the internal and outside resources available to help after an incident.

Council members thanked the union representatives for their involvement in the community and encouraged their continued efforts.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Planning and Development staff were present to brief the Council on the notice of intent published by the Department of Energy (DOE), allocating \$118,810.00 to the City of Pocatello.
PRE-AWARD
APPLICATION FOR
ENERGY EFFICIENCY
AND CONSERVATION
BLOCK GRANT (EECBG)
PROGRAM

Christine Howe, Grants Manager, gave a brief overview of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. She stated that a notice of intent was published by the DOE stating Pocatello was eligible for \$118,810.00 and the money is part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Ms. Howe noted that to claim the allocation, a pre-application form must be submitted by April 28, 2023. She explained that the money is for specific targets: cut carbon emissions; improve energy efficiency; reduce energy use. Ms. Howe noted eligible activities range from strategy development to clean energy deployment. She mentioned building energy audits, financial incentive programs, energy efficiency retrofits, development and implementation of transportation programs and renewable energy technologies on government buildings are examples of qualifying projects. Ms. Howe noted that in order to submit the full application, she needs approval from the Council to apply for the Voucher or Grant option.

The Council discussed the following topics: HVAC system, energy audit, flexibility of grant versus voucher option and time frame of both options.

The Council consensus was to instruct staff to move forward with the grant option. They requested that staff present different options for use of funds and suggested projects at a future Work Session and to receive bids for HVAC system improvements.

The Council requested that the Ross Park slide and pickleball courts be considered at a future agenda.

ITEM NO.
ADJOURN

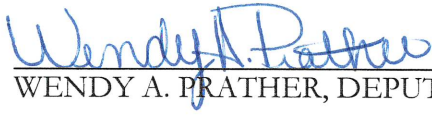
7: There being no further business, Mayor Blad adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

APPROVED:



BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

ATTEST AND PREPARED BY:



WENDY A. PRATHER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK