

WORK SESSION – February 25,2021
Town Council – CDBG & Outdoor Recreation Grants

Minutes of the Huntsville Town Council Work Session held at Town Hall 7309 East 200 South, Huntsville, Utah at 5:30 PM. The meeting is regarding the CDBG Grant Project and Outdoor Recreation Grant.

Attending on Zoom: TCM Wendy McKay

Attending at Town Hall: Mayor Truett, TCM Max Ferre', TCM Richard Sorensen, TCM Blake Bingham.

TCM Wendy McKay started by introducing the requirements for the Outdoor Recreation Grant. In a previous Town Council Meeting, Mayor Truett admonished the TC members to come up with project ideas to go along with the requirements for the Outdoor Recreation Grant. The grant has to be focused on a specific project. The idea of a fitness circuit that could be added to the park was presented as an idea. TCM Wendy McKay has been researching the types of workout circuits were presented and shown to the Town Council. Some fitness parks were various types of heavy, outdoor weight machines. Other examples were lighter body weight type of equipment. TCM McKay stated this grant would require us to spend 50% of the project money before it will match the project. Kay gave TCM Wendy McKay a budget of \$24,000-\$36,000 for the project.

Mayor Truett thought it would be a great idea to replace the playground equipment or maybe add ice rink side barriers. TCM Wendy McKay stated the barriers are hard to store. Huntsville would need a place for that. Also, the Outdoor Recreation Grant will not cover playground equipment. They will only fund fitness equipment. Mayor Truett suggested that maybe we not spend the money on the grant and push Huntsville's money toward the CDBG grant. TCM Blake Bingham agreed. TCM Max Ferre' and TCM Richard Sorensen also agreed.

TCM Wendy McKay moved the discussion to the CDBG project of a Community Center. She likes the idea of moving the Center to the soccer field just east of the Hotel. TCM McKay said she would like to see a smaller center than what was presented in the plans from Marriott-Slaterville. The current plans have a lack of storage. The conference room in the municipal center is too small.

TCM McKay expressed that the price tag of \$90,000 for plans was too costly. Beckki suggested making adjustments to the plans and then work with a designer. It would save on the cost of working with an architect. TCM Richard Sorensen pointed out that the budget for the first year included a large portion of the monies for design and engineering. TCM Richard Sorensen confirmed that working with a designer would be a much cheaper option.

TCM McKay stated the concepts of the Marriott-Slaterville Community Center are so roomy and helpful. She stated Huntsville needs less municipal offices and more space in the Community Center. She likes the cube concept of having the municipal part separate from the community and yet, both parts have shared restrooms and gym/meeting room that still

could be locked off in the off hours. Mayor Truett would like to have a larger conference room.

TCM Richard Sorensen left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

TCM McKay suggested that the TC keep working on refining the plans. Regardless of the outcome of the grant monies for 2021, the TC will be ready to apply next year. TCM Blake Bingham suggested that even paying for the plans up front for this year will also just prepare us for next year.

Mayor Truett added that the property values are so high right now, that he could see selling the Town properties for funding now. TCM McKay agreed and stated it would be key to funding the rest of the project. She stated that we could sell the Town Hall for either commercial or residential. The TC would have to give the Town a variance if they sold for residential. She asked Mayor Truett what he would like to see on the two remaining lots across from the library. Mayor Truett stated the tax base from a commercial property would be ideal. TCM Bingham pointed out that the Town Hall lot is a commercial lot that you could use as a residence or a commercial property. TCM McKay would like the Town to get \$1.2 out of the sale of Town Hall and the property. She would like to see a realtor hired to start doing the work.

Mayor Truett stated that if additional funds are needed there have been several residents with Zion's Bank that have been willing to help us in the past. The only debt the Town currently has is the water treatment plant.

TCM Bingham stated we need to move forward in working on the designs. TCM McKay could contact Ashley Hull and see what the possibilities are on working with a designer. TCM Bingham also suggested we get a realtor to work with. The TC discussed selling and then moving the office staff to the maintenance building office or another Town Office. Mayor Truett suggested the Town Council Meetings could be held at the library. Mayor Truett suggested there may some guidelines that we need to follow with regards to RFP's and the sale of property.

Beckki will look up the procedures on selling Town property. TCM McKay will work on the plans and make visits to several smaller Town Halls and Community Centers. Mayor Truett suggested that if the Sheriff's Office was included in the municipal building, they might be able to contribute financially to the project.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.


Beckki Endicott, Recorder