

CITY OF MACCLENNY
CDBG Public Hearing
January 10, 2017
5:45 p.m.

The City Commission met in special session, Tuesday, January 10, 2017 with the following present: Mayor Gary Dopson, City Manager Phil Rhoden, City Attorney Frank Maloney, Commissioners Mark Bryant, Sam Kitching, Cecil Horne Jr., and Danny Norton and Council Secretary Deanna Dinkins.

Commissioner Kitching opened the meeting with prayer, followed by a pledge to the United States Flag.

New Business:

Spencer Nabors stated the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application window opened January 3rd and closes February 16th. The City is eligible for \$700,000. The nature of the first public meeting is to get some ideas on the needs of the City. The four categories funded are Housing Rehabilitation, Neighborhood Revitalization, Commercial Revitalization, and Economic Development. Mr. Nabors briefly described each category and examples of projects in each. The grant is geared toward low to moderate income.

The Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF) met just before this meeting and several citizens were also in attendance. This committee is the liaison between the people of the public and the Commission. After looking at all of the potential projects that may be applied for the committee's biggest concern appears to be infrastructure, especially sewer.

Mayor Dopson asked if there was any indication of which category we will have the best chance of getting. Mr. Nabors replied the applications are ranked based on a criteria of importance, and one of the highest priorities is water/sewer. Mayor Dopson asked if meeting the income requirement will be a problem. Mr. Nabors responded several of the lift stations that need upgrades are in areas that qualify as low to moderate income areas. Mayor Dopson briefly discussed future needs and plans for the water/sewer system and concluded by stating he agreed this was the best category to apply for at this time. Commissioner Norton asked if this is something we can apply for one time or if we can apply again in future years. Mr. Nabors stated once funded we have two years to complete the project. He briefly explained the scoring process and how being successfully funded drops our points for future funding cycles. However, we can apply after the project is complete. There was brief discussion regarding the funding and four categories.

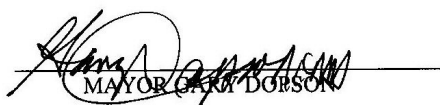
Comments from the Board:

Debra Fleming from National Development Foundation asked if this is the City's first small cities grant application. Mayor Dopson replied the City has done this for years. Mrs. Fleming asked what the success rate is in getting funded. Mayor Dopson responded it is very high, and we seldom lose one. Mr. Nabors followed up by stating he can usually help determine the best time to apply and get funded. Now is probably the best time to get funded for the Neighborhood Revitalization category.

Mayor Dopson stated it sounds like the consensus is to apply for water/sewer rehab purposes.

With no further comments from the audience, Mayor Dopson adjourned the CDBG public hearing.




MAYOR GARY DOPSON

ATTEST:


CITY MANAGER/ CLERK PHIL RHODEN