



CITY OF BLACKDUCK PUBLIC HEARING

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13TH, 2016 6PM

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The City Council of the City of Blackduck held a Public Hearing at Blackduck City Hall at 6:00p.m. on January 13th, 2016 to discuss the City's plans for water/wastewater system & housing rehab improvements, including project scope, activities, schedule, benefits to low and moderate income persons, funding from State and/or Federal sources, and costs to local users.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Mayor Lundberg, Councilors Christensen, Stade, and Loeken

Councilors Absent: Patch

Staff Present: City Administrator Christina Regas, and Public Works Supervisor Bob Klug

Others Present: Jordan Lee WSN, Curt Meyer, WSN, and Jackie Meixner HRDC

City Of Blackduck Residents Present: none

CONVENE MEETING/INTRODUCTIONS – Mayor Daryl Lundberg

Mayor Lundberg convened the public hearing at 6:00pm and introductions were done.

HOUSING REHAB PROJECT – Jackie Meixner, Headwater Regional Development Commission
Meixner was present to summarize the housing portion of the project. Twelve homes in Blackduck applied for housing rehab after consideration of total need for the housing side of the application Meixner stated that for the twelve homes each would be eligible for \$22,500 for a total of \$270,000. Part of the total would be leveraged by other resources like MFHA, USDA, MN Housing, and Greater MN Housing. The total leveraged would be \$35,000. Since the pre-application Greater MN Housing increased their funding portion this was good news. After administration costs of \$35,000 the total amount submitted to DEED for the project is \$350,000. After speaking with Pat Armon of DEED options to strengthen the full application were to either keep the application as servicing housing 'city wide' or 'narrowing to targeted areas'. Meixner partnered with Bob Klug to find out which homes in the application process have service laterals to the water/wastewater project. It was determined that only a few homes had service laterals. Meixner stated that Armon recommended after that information to keep the application strong to use the housing as a 'city wide' housing rehab project. What will strengthen the application was to find ways to increase the leveraged resources. An amount of \$45,000 would be better looked at. Pilot program for Small Cities Administration is being done by the Greater MN Housing commission. This program in place can allow the leverages to be bumped up. Meixner concluded that she feels very comfortable with the housing rehab application at this time.

DESCRIPTION OF WATER/SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – Curt Meyer, WSN

Meyer summarized the water/sewer system improvements

STATUS OF APPLICATIONS – Joran Lee, WSN

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS -



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ADJOURN – Moved by Councilor Loeken and seconded by Councilor Patch to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Christina Regas, City Administrator

Daryl Lundberg, Mayor