

**MINUTES OF
PUBLIC HEARING /CDBG
DECEMBER 6, 2007 @ 7:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Odum called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Odum led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL – Present at the Public Hearing were: Mayor Odum, Councilor Baca, Councilor Cordova, Councilor Kerkman, Councilor Thompson, Clerk Kulhan, Finance Officer Coppy, Frank Schmidt, Carl Patterson, Doug Strong, Frank Salios, Bruce Manakas, Mary Berglund, Eldon Berglund, and Amy Alerman and Scott Albrite of the Chronicle.

CDBG FY 2008 PUBLIC INPUT – Mayor Odum read aloud the Public Notice for the CDBG Public Hearing which is as follows, "The purpose of this public hearing will be to report on past CDBG program activities and to receive public input on community development needs and suggestions for future CDBG projects.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program was established under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in order to assist communities in providing essential community facilities, providing decent housing for residents, promoting economic development and maintaining a suitable living environment. The State of New Mexico estimated the 2008 appropriation of \$15,000,000 to be distributed statewide on a competitive basis.

State and National objectives of the CDBG Program require that assistance be made available for activities that address at least one of the following:

- 1) An activity identified as principally benefiting persons of low and moderate income;
- 2) Aid in the prevention and elimination of slums and blight;
- 3) Meet other community development needs of recent origin having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. Applications are limited to a maximum of \$500,000, except for planning applications which have a limit of \$50,000. Eligible activities and categories will be described. Interested parties are invited to attend, to submit project ideas, to provide supporting data and testimony, and other pertinent information.

With sufficient notice, a translator will be provided for non-English speaking residents."

The Mayor asked the audience if they had any questions or comments. Mayor Odum discussed the Wastewater project that had just been closed out. The Village is currently working on completing the CDBG surveys and if we qualify, the Village will be applying for the 2008 CDBG Grant. Mr. Manakas asked what the grant would be used for. Mayor Odum responded wastewater improvements. Clerk Kulhan replied it is the number one priority on the Village's ICIP plan. The Mayor stated we will be continuing on to the next phase of the project. Councilor Cordova stated the Village is about at maximum capacity as far as the disposal of effluent. For our town to grow, we need to increase the capacity of our sewer system. Councilor Baca stated because this is such a large project, it needs to be completed in phases. Mayor Odum explained phase one included new pumps for Lift Station 1 and Lift Station 2. Councilor Cordova stated it included a whole complete rebuild of Lift Station 1 and an addition of Station 2. Mayor Odum stated the 2008 grant

the Village is applying for would be for the next phase of the project, which would be new aerators for the lagoons, and a new lagoon. Councilor Cordova stated it also included water transfer across the highway. Mayor Odum stated we would dewater and eliminate the old lagoons. Mrs. Berglund questioned if the village had enough capacity to last until the next project is started. Mayor Odum responded we should be able to get through the winter ok and it is good to have the old lagoons in place as an emergency back-up. Councilor Cordova stated we don't have a way of de-watering the lagoons, we rely on evaporation. Councilor Baca replied the wind helps with the evaporation of the lagoons. Scott Albrite, of the Chronicle, asked when the grant would be approved and when would construction begin. Mayor Odum stated the Grant would be submitted December 14 and grant approval would happen sometime in June 2008. The Village would be lucky to start the next phase of the project by August which must be complete by November 15. Mr. Manakas asked if the full \$500,000.00 would be available. The Mayor responded hopefully yes, since this is an important infrastructure project.

ADJOURN – Councilor Cordova motioned to adjourn. Councilor Thompson seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion passed 4-0. The Public Hearing of December 6th adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved this ___ day of _____ by a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed.

The next regular meeting of the Eagle Nest Village Council will be December 18, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Eagle Nest Community Center.

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Municipal Clerk