

Town of Mantua Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Held on January 19, 2023

6:00 at Town Hall 409 North Main Mantua, Utah

Council Members present: Mayor Terry Nelson
Karen Nelson Justin Brown
Jared Jeppsen Matt Jeppsen
Shayla HammerStone – Recorder

Audience present: Janis Johnson
Harper Johnson John Hurd Esther Hatch
Ken & Darla Jones Craig & ShirRae Nelson Jenise Jarrett
Pam Eaves Morgan & Holden Florence Cindy Facer
Kevin Nelson Jen Gardner

Meeting opened by Mayor Nelson and turned the time over to Karen Nelson.

The purpose of this public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the Community Development Block Grant program and to allow for discussion of possible applications for the 2023 funding cycle. The grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low- and moderate-income persons. The Bear River Association of Governments, of which Mantua is a member, is expecting to receive approximately \$750,000 in this new program year. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Policies and Procedures Manual and interested persons can review it at any time. Examples of eligible activities include construction of public works and facilities such as water and sewer lines and fire stations. Other examples of eligible activities also include acquisition of real property and provision of public services such as food banks or homeless shelters. In the past the Town of Mantua has never received this grant. We handed out our capital investment plan as part of the regional “Consolidated Plan.” This list shows which projects the city has identified as being needed in the community. Will anyone with questions, comments or suggestions during the hearing please identify themselves by name before they speak. The clerk will include your names in the minutes, we would like to specifically respond to your questions and suggestions during this hearing.

Janice Jarrett asked about potential water break programs for those who are on low income to help them winterize their homes. Karen said they could have a targeted one to find those in town who would meet those requirements and help them. She went on to add that there are programs already in place through the state, county, BRAG, and the senior center to help. There weren’t any to help with winterizing the sprinklers, but Karen did know about ones that help with windows.

John Hurd said he didn’t think the town needed to have any homeless shelters, food banks, or other public type help because they were available in Brigham City and in Logan. He asked if it was possible to use the grant money for traffic control. Karen said she could suggest that. John asked about hearing the suggestion to repave the road on 100 West and possibly a fire station or

anything with public safety. Karen had to do some ground work for the grant ahead of time and used the paving of the road as her starting point. They could use it for a fire station or ambulances, but it would take the income of the whole town. She also needs to justify it with the need of the town.

Esther Hatch asked if the income would be collective if the project was on Main Street. Karen said she'd have to pick the section and they've had a hard time picking a spot. She also said they might have some money coming in for Main Street. Esther suggested the grant go towards roads. ShiRae Nelson asked if they could use it for more parking at Sydney's. Karen wasn't sure if they could use it for a business but she'd take it into consideration.

Esther Hatch suggested a Mantua parking lot that Sydney's could use. A house was suggested but Janis informed them that it just sold.

John Hurd asked about the future water tank, but it would take the whole town's income.

Esther Hatch asked how they found out the income collectively, and Karen said that she doesn't but the county does.

Karen commented that this particular grant is targeted towards low-income communities.

Darla Jones asked if there had been other suggestions other than those presented at that meeting. Karen had presented one to pave the road on 100 West between 100 South and Center Street which she had already done the leg work on. That road has been used a lot more recently and the people who live on that street are primarily retired. She also clarified that the meeting was just for suggestions and that she'd go back with all this information and they'd have another meeting. No decision would be made at that time.

Karen Nelson made a motion to adjourn, Jared Jeppsen seconded.

Karen Nelson-YES Justin Brown-YES Jared Jeppsen-YES Matt Jeppsen-YES

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

MEETING ADJOURNED