

MINUTES
LEVAN TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 9, 2022
6:30 PM

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bruce Rowley at 6:36 PM.

Council Members: Mayor Bruce Rowley and Councilmembers Ray Evans. Taryn Brooks, Chris Webb and Amy Lowe were present.

Staff: Town Clerk Heather Poulsen and Treasurer Stephanie Wood were in attendance.

Others Present: None

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to take public comment on:

Levan Town requesting funds in the amount up to \$200,000 from CIB (Community Impact Board) for the purpose of purchasing a dump truck with a snow plow.

After Mayor Rowley opened the public hearing, he explained to the new Town Council Members that Levan Town is requesting a grant. However, if funds are received, they may be in the form of a grant or a loan or a combination of grant and loan. Mayor Rowley explained that the town currently uses a 1987 10-wheeler but that they had been saving for a quite a few years to try and purchase a newer dump truck with plow. The town has currently saved \$120,000 toward the purchase.

Councilmember Amy Lowe wondered if the truck we have and the one we would purchase would be just for plowing snow. Treasurer Stephanie Wood explained that it is more of all purpose vehicle. In the summer they use it to repair roads, to haul dirt, gravel, sand, road base, anything they need and then in the winter it has a snow plow they attach to the front.

Mayor Rowley also explained that the one we use now has holes in the floor so in the winter water and other materials are coming up through the floors, which makes it a safety concern for our town employees.

Treasurer Stephanie Wood explained that the CIB is the Community Impact Board. It oversees the money received from mineral lease rights. Because so much of our state is federal lands and we have a lot of mining on that land, they take some of the money they make off the mining and put it in a pool to help the communities impacted by mining. Juab is 72% federal lands. Therefore, we don't have as much private land to build business and homes on to tax. This gives communities an opportunity to get funding for projects without putting a huge tax burden on the residents.

Stephanie also explained that Levan was unique in the fact that it has 6 utilities it provides for its residents. We also have the gypsum mine right up the canyon. We are impacted by the haul trucks that go up there as well as it provides employment for some of our residents working at the mine and driving haul trucks.

Councilmember Amy Lowe asked if this was a hearing to just say that we want to get the truck. Mayor Rowley said this was a public meeting to let people comment on the fact that we would like to get this funding to purchase the truck.

Stephanie explained that the town has been saving for 10 years but right now the issue is that you can't buy used. Town Employee Travis Rosquist has been looking for the town a used truck. He found one in Washington state and it was still \$200,000. He was still actively looking for used trucks but hasn't been able to find any others. As far as new trucks go Peterbilt was the only company that was willing to give Levan town a quote and for a new truck it is \$280,000.

Mayor Rowley explained that these trucks are made to last a long time. The town has a facility to keep it indoors so if we got a new one it should last for many years in the future.

Mayor Rowley also explained that he had looked at a few trucks with the Levan Town Utilities employees. However, the only ones they had been able to

find had a lot of problems that needed to be fixed. Councilmember Taryn Brooks wondered if you could even get the components to fix them right now.

Stephanie explained that the idea is that, even though we are having a hard time finding a used one right now and new orders are a year out, if we have the funding in place and what we need becomes available, we will be ready. We are trying to think ahead and be prepared. It was explained that if we get approved but can't find one then we don't have to use the money. The Mayor also explained that the town will have to go present their request before the CIB board.

Amy had concerns that the prices are going to continue to go up and we aren't locked into a price. If we get this funding for \$200,000 and that leaves the \$80,000 left on the price quote, how will we pay for anything over that if prices have gone up. Stephanie explained that we have \$120,000 total saved. We are asking for the \$200,000 of the total bid price so that if it does go up, we have the money saved to still purchase the truck.

Councilmember Taryn Brooks wondered if it was a 50/50 grant. Stephanie explained we are asking a \$200,000 grant with our \$80,000 match. She also explained that the CIB Board could come back with an offer for funding and the town can decide if that funding will work and decide to accept or reject the offer. CIB does loans to receive revenue on the money so they can loan it out again to other communities for future projects. Stephanie also explained that on March 17th we are meeting with Six Counties to start filling out our Capital Improvements list. This could be things like water improvements, street improvements, this dump truck, and other improvements you would like short term as well as long term.

Councilmember Chris Webb wondered if he could get the specs on what the town is looking for. Stephanie had the specs and reported that the one they got the quote for was a 2024 Peterbilt model, 548, 10-dump plow truck and she had the quote if anyone wanted to see it. Councilmember Chris Webb mentioned he would like a copy of the quote.

Park improvements came up and Stephanie said they were on our CIB list. Councilmember Taryn Brooks wondered if we could apply for just one item and Stephanie thought that would be a great question to ask Six Counties at

the meeting in March when we talk about the projects we want on the list. Right now, the truck is more of an immediate need than the park improvements.

Taryn went to the CIB website and she felt that they didn't fund a lot of things like dump trucks. They were more willing to fund projects like sewer, building, recreation, and water. She said if it is figured under the safety category that is a very small percentage of what they fund only 2.8 million compared to the 27.4 for buildings, or 27.6 for sewer, or 21.6 for recreation, or the 20.7 for water. Stephanie explained it was on our list from last year's meeting with Six Counties and our highest priority for this funding cycle, and it doesn't negatively impact us to apply.

Stephanie also clarified that it is March 16th that we are meeting with Six Counties to discuss the new capital improvements list.

Mayor Rowley asked if there were any more or questions. Councilmember Taryn Brooks asked if we thought CIB would give us some money for water. Mayor felt like they would but we have to have everything in order before we apply. From previous discussions with Six Counties, we would have to have a water improvements project and have some water rights as part of that project, but that would also be a good discussion to have as part of the Capital Improvements meeting with Six Counties

Adjourn: Councilmember Ray Evans made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Chris Webb, to adjourn. All council members present were in favor. Mayor Bruce Rowley closed the Public Hearing at 6:52 PM.

Heather Poulsen, Town Clerk