

MEETING NOTICE

The Special meeting of the Ellsworth City Council will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Ellsworth City Hall Council Chambers

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
Request by Councilor Beal to add an executive session to the end of the meeting for a personnel update discussion. Motion to accept by Nancy Smith, second by Casey Hanson, passed unanimously 7-0
2. Public hearing and action on the business license for Black Moon LLC DBA Black Moon Public House at 142 Main Street for a new City Class B license and State liquor restaurant license.
Motion to accept by Casey Hanson, second by Tammy Mote, passed 7-0
3. Council Order #040900, Request of the Economic Development Director to approve the submittal of a Community Enterprise Program Community Development Block Grant application to fund a downtown façade improvement grant program, and to allocate \$25,000 of FY 2024 unallocated TIF funds as matching funds.
Motion to accept by Casey Hanson, second by Tammy Mote, passed 7-0
4. Council Order #040901, Request of the Fire Chief to apply for a FEMA SAFER grant for adequate fire and emergency response program.
Motion to approve by Casey Hanson, second by Nancy Smith, passed 7-0
5. Council Order #040902, Request of the Fire Chief to apply for FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety grants.
Motion to approve by Casey Hanson, second by Patrick Lyons, passed 7-0
6. Council Order #040903, Request of the Water Superintendent to approve Bench Scale testing by Woodard and Curran for future Water Treatment Plant Conceptual Design.
Motion to approve \$25,000 to Bench Scale testing by Tammy Mote, second by Casey Hanson, passed 7-0
7. Council Order #040904, Request of the Highway Superintendent to approve the revision of the Storm Water Drainage Cleaning by Woodard and Curran to include additional areas desired by the City.
Motion to approve \$70,000 from DEP ARPA funds by Casey Hanson, second by Nancy Smith, passed 7-0
8. Council Order #040905, Request of the Waste Water Superintendent to submit construction and inspection services by Woodard and Curran for the High Street Pump Station upgrade.
Motion to approve \$155,000 DEP ARPA funds by Tammy Mote, second by Casey Hanson, passed 7-0
9. **Executive Session – Motion to enter by Casey Hanson, second by Tammy Mote. Motion to exit by Tammy Mote, second by Jon Stein**
10. Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn by Tammy Mote, second by Patrick Lyons, passed 7-0

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Michelle Beal

Don't worry about it. We'll call the meeting to order the special meeting of the Ellsworth City Council. It's April 9 2024 at 6am. I told you six o'clock pm sorry. I would like to before we get into item number two, I would like to ask the council to add an agenda item to the end of this meeting for a special executive session to discuss a personnel matter. So, she so moved. So moved. Second. Second. All in favor? Thank you very much. It will be item number nine.

Jon Stein

Will there be any action?

Michelle Beal

There won't be any action. No, it's just it's an update. Discussion.

Michelle Beal

Okay, agenda item number two public hearing and action on the business license for Blackmoon LLC DBA Blackmoon Public House at 142 Main Street for new city Class B license and State Liquor restaurant license. Is it all set?

Michelle Beal

Anything from the applicant, if you want to speak?

Michelle Beal

Good. I have to open up a public hearing for you though first. Okay. So I'm sorry. Again, I don't have a gavel. But the public hearing is open and anyone like to discuss or comment on this application. Public Hearing is closed.

Casey Hanson

Move to approve the license.

Michelle Beal

Second. Discussion. All in favor.

Michelle Beal

Welcome. Welcome. Congratulations. Yeah.

Casey Hanson

In favor and excited. Good luck.

Michelle Beal

Well for the for the public can can you give us a little information on your business?

The overall business that we've taken over is the old JJ Newbury's location. Oh. That's called the Newberry exchange. And there's three businesses within one building. The Blackmoon Public House, Lesley Harlow has her trio store brought in and then we have a young guy Matt Mandrake who I started that is starting a vinyl record store. So he has experience with my wifi and repairs and a little bit of music equipment. A nice combination. Wonderful.

Exciting, Gary in the middle. So great suits favorites.

Jon Stein

Any live music you think there?

Michelle Beal

Well, congratulations. Do we have an opening date announced? We're working on all these licenses, and we'll see when everything shows up and go from there. All right. Well, good luck.

Michelle Beal

Right. Council order number three requests of the economic development director to approve the submittal of a community enterprise program community development block grant application to fund a downtown facade improvement grant program and to allocate \$25,000 of FY 24 unallocated TIF funds as matching funds.

Janna Richards

Good evening Council. How are you? Janna Richards economic development director. So yeah, we are looking at submitting a full application to the state's community development block program, community enterprise grant. The community enterprise grants purpose is to help fund either facade improvement grants or streetscape improvements. We are looking are looking to request funding for the facade grant or a facade improvement that would be administered through the city as grant funding to downtown businesses and nonprofits are also eligible. So we submitted a letter of intent to apply in February and we received word mid March that we should move forward with the full application. So just a little bit of talking about why there is a need for this type of a program. The last time this program was conducted in Ellsworth was sometime in 20. I'm looking at Tammy like 2013 ish, I want to say it ended in 2013. So it's been over 10 years. It was a successful program from what I understand. It definitely helped a lot of downtown businesses make improvements to their downtown facades as well as ADA accessibility, because you can use it for improvements to increase ADA accessibility as well, and signage. So, in recent years, we heard that it was a successful program. And we also heard that there was a need to bring that program back. And not only that, but we, staff and I, code enforcement, planning and myself to do a walking tour of downtown where we documented conditions that could be eligible for a project under this grant program. And in the area that we walked, you'll see there's a map included in the packet just within that area, we determined about 50% of the properties within that area could be eligible for a potential project. So it was it was pretty high. So there's definitely a need for it. And the good news is, is that the areas that could be done are all exterior improvements, but they're highly visible from places where people are walking, even from like the City Hall parking lot. So the facade on

Store Street, even though it's not the front facade on Main Street, those facades could also be improved. So really important for downtown visitation, downtown businesses, to improve the look to increase economic development and business. So there's definitely a need and, again, our Letter of Intent to Apply was found to be eligible and meet the criteria of the program. Kind of looking at this as a bigger project for the city. These funds would be put toward facade improvements through a grant program. But we also have through the Village Partnership Initiative, and through things like the Franklin Street parklet, and additional funding to just beautify the downtown in general. So we could look at it as just a larger scale beautification project, of which this is one component of so because of that the city is already dedicating some matching funds through different programs like the Village Partnership Initiative, the Franklin Street parklet, looking at doing some new banners for the downtown, which would be come out of my, my budget, the economic development budget, the Heart of Ellsworth secured funding in September of 2023, to do some Franklin Street parklet work, which could be looked at as matching funds. So there is quite a bit of matching funds, that you know, if you look at the proposed budget that I put together that have already been secured, but this program looks to have a cash match as well. And so that's why we're requesting that 25,000, which is 25% of the \$100,000 request to the Community Development Block Grant Program. So yeah, so tonight, one of the requirements is there has to be a public hearing where the public is able to weigh in on the proposed project. And also to get the approval of the council to move forward with the full application as well as having the matching funds secured. Because that has to be done prior to the application being submitted as well.

Michelle Beal

Do you need me to open a public hearing because it doesn't say that on here? Oh, yes, please. Okay. Yes. All right. Then I will open the public hearing. Would anyone like to discuss this project? Ask any questions of Janna.

Cara Romano- Heart of Ellsworth

Cara Romano Heart of Ellsworth, Director, I just want to speak in support for this. I just know that there were a few businesses in the downtown that heavily benefited from it, but just also for all the council members and new city manager to also understand too, that there was a high turnover of business ownership since last time, the city put forth this and so it would be great for these new building owners to also be able to experience this kind of support from from the council as well. Thank you.

Tammy Mote

Hi, I'm Jennifer Sala. I am the president of Ellsworth Historical Society and I'm on the City of Ellsworth's Historic Preservation Commission. And I'm sure you guys are all aware that over at the old jail, the Historical Society has been working on a facade improvement. And I want to express you know, I've been paying more attention now to the masonry of other buildings. And absolutely there is a use for this type of program for other businesses downtown as well. Masonry is extremely expensive and extremely difficult to maintain over these freeze thaw winters and increasingly so with warmer winters. So I think that any opportunity we have that we can help these buildings while they're still in decent shape to, you know, do little bits of repairs here and there would be beneficial, not just for the business owners, but also for our economy in general. And like Janna was saying with the curb appeal, and with just the

general sense that visitors will get from our city, with this funding, so I strongly encourage you guys to approve it. Thank you. Thank you.

Michelle Beal

Anyone else? Close the public hearing. Does the council have any questions of Janna? Comments? Motion?

Jon Stein

The \$25,000 match, Nancy said there were other city programs already in place, these funds could be used as matching funds.

Janna Richards

Yeah so, if you look, there was a memo that I had prepared for the Finance Committee, which I'm looking for right now. There's a proposed budget. So it shows that some of the matching funds have already been secured. But those have been put toward as cash match toward those programs. So like the Village Partnership Initiative planning phase, we put a \$50,000 match toward that project. So while it looks good, because it's inclusive of a greater project is a total, we still need to be able to show that we have put a cash match towards this project in particular.

Jon Stein

It just means it sort of fits within this wider conversation.

Janna Richards

Absolutely. So the total like funding that we said has been either secured or requested for this greater project of streetscape improvements, as well as facade improvements is a total of \$188,000 of which we're asking for \$100,000 for this grant. So \$50,000 of which is Heart of Ellsworth and then through our funds, we would have put \$50,000 toward the Village Partnership Initiative, which is significant would be significant streetscape improvements through a planning process. And then yeah, the \$25,000 being requested tonight and then \$8000 as the total was secured last budget season that I put toward Franklin Street parklet and other streetscape and beautification projects in the downtown in the city, just as a whole.

Michelle Beal

Any other questions?

Steven O'Halloran

You put into terms if this grant is awarded, and this project goes through. Do you have a feel for what Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth is paying? You're mentioning \$180,000? How much of that is Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth paying for?

Janna Richards

So let's see

Steven O'Halloran

Assuming you got the grant?

Janna Richards

Well, so the majority, so all of this funding, the matching funds that come from the city are tax increment financing dollars, so they don't actually come out of the general fund. So they don't actually affect the tax rate to Mr. And Mrs. Ellsworth, as you say. However, they are city funds. And so we're we are obligated to utilize them toward economic development, of which these projects all fit within that scope. Out of the TIF funds that are the city's TIF funding \$25,000 that's being requested tonight. \$8000 And then the \$50,000. But that was a match to another program where we're getting was it \$100,000 or \$50,000?

Matt Williams

\$10,000 from general funds

Janna Richards

Right. Okay. So yeah, the only portion of this that's coming out of the general fund is \$10,000 out of that \$50,000 That was secured back in November of 2023.

Steven O'Halloran

So it's real bang for the buck.

Janna Richards

Yes. I mean, if we're asked if the total project cost is \$188,000, and, you know, it's we're getting grant funding for more than 50% of the entire project.

Steven O'Halloran

That's what I wanted to hear. Thank you.

Michelle Beal

You want to

Janna Richards

Yeah, no problem.

Casey Hanson

Move to approve the submittal of a community development block grant community effort Enterprise Program application to help fund a downtown Business facade improvement grant program and to allocate \$25,000 of the financial year 24 out on allocated TIF funds as matching funds to the \$100,000 requested state CDBG funds.

Tammy Mote

Second

Michelle Beal

Further discussion? All those in favor? Unanimous

Janna Richards

Thank you

Jon Stein

Thank you. Assuming it goes through, the grant, when can businesses expect to store owners expect it?

Janna Richards

I would say just to be safe this fall. Yeah. Because who knows how long it's going to take them to review the applications and come back to us. And then there's the whole process of actually getting the funding even once you're awarded. We'll put together a committee. So I will hope to have representation from the Heart of Ellsworth, representation from downtown businesses, representation from the council. And then there'll be some staff on there. And we will, you know, it's up to us to come up with the guidelines for the grant program. So it has to fit the criteria where you're eliminating what they consider a blighting condition. So that could be like rot, bowing brick is one of the conditions. So they give you a whole slew of what type of condition would need to be mitigated. And then, yeah, so but we get to design it and we get to administer it and it will be a cool process. Yeah. So thank you again.

Michelle Beal

Thank you. Thank you. Okay, agenda item number four Council order 040901 request of the Fire Chief to apply for femur safer FEMA safer grant for adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program.

Scott Guillerault

Evening Council Scott Guillerault, Fire Chief. Today, I come to you asking to apply for this staffing grant. It's specifically designed for the hiring of firefighters. Back in 2021, we applied for the same grant but we weren't, we weren't not selected. However, we were selected for volunteer recruitment or retention. So we've been working through that process with area communities. Part of the reason why we applied in 2021 is the council at that time, was moving forward with plans for us to eventually take over EMS. And so we've been gradually going through the process of doing so. In turn, we've bought an ambulance. However, our staffing hasn't changed. So what we're asking for this year is to redo the grant for eight firefighters, that would add two firefighters per shift. And that would give us the capability to have two people dedicated to the ambulance. But it also makes sure that that engine downstairs has the correct number of people on it. Again, the goal is to make sure we always have coverage for any call that comes in. Now, we know that if we run multiple calls, we're always going to have some difficulty with it. But the plan is just to ensure that we have the staffing to continue to move forward with this EMS plan that the city has put us on. So that grant request, it equates to \$2.5 million over three years. It's a zero match grant. So we do not have to cost share anything which in previous grants, there used to be a 60/30 split this for the next three years, if we're approved, there would be no cost share from the fire department. The only time that we would have to pay additional money is for overtime that's incurred outside their regular shifts, and then the city would have to cover that expense.

Jon Stein

Think I remember from the budget hearing, that at the end of that three year when that sort of their funding sunsets, we would have enough funds coming in from the EMS service, then to

Scott Guillerault

We would hope so as long as as long as we have moved forward with the additional capital that requires an ambulance, a second ambulance and everything to be able to fully take over EMS at this point in time, that revenue would not be there because we still are contracted with Northern Light. For however long we continue that contract, but we can't add additional EMS capabilities until we have the personnel to supplement it.

Tammy Mote

Do you have enough gear for the additional firefighters?

Scott Guillerault

We don't, we would have to put that into a capital improvement plan. The difficulty is

Tammy Mote

The gear is not part of this grant, it is just for staffing

Scott Guillerault

It is not, nope, nope. The other SAFER grant it was, but for full time firefighters it's not.

Tammy Mote

So it will definitely be something we'll have to look at in the budget

Scott Guillerault

I can tell you that evaluation for this grant is in June, we probably we would find out no later than September 30 Because they have to award by September 30. So that would be the timeframe that we'd be looking at.

Patrick Lyons

Let's assume you get the grant, and then you're able, you know, when would you think you'd be hiring those new positions by?

Scott Guillerault

From the time we're awarded, we would we would put it out and start the hiring process, that hiring process typically takes 60 to 90 days for us to, to vet all the applications and go through the process. And then so we if that was to transpire, we would be looking roughly January 1, to onboard these people.

Patrick Lyons

Thank you.

Michelle Beal

Is that like, it's either eight or nine? Or would they be, would they give you a few be safe people?

Scott Guillerault

They may, depending on their evaluation and our capabilities, they may turn around and lower that number. They won't increase the number but they may lower it.

Patrick Lyons

But it's what we need to get

Scott Guillerault

It's what we need to be able to move forward with full time EMS.

Michelle Beal

Any further questions? What would you like?

Patrick Lyons

We don't need a public hearing?

Michelle Beal

Doesn't didn't ask for one on the agenda. Do you need a public hearing?

Scott Guillerault

Nope, I just need permission to hit send.

Casey Hanson

Move to give permission to hit send. Move to approve the request to apply for FEMA fiscal year 23 staffing for adequate fire and emergency response grant program.

Nancy Smith

Second

Michelle Beal

Further discussion? All those in favor? Counsel order number 040902 requests to the fire chief to apply for FEMA fire prevention and safety grants.

Scott Guillerault

So this builds on what the fire department already does. But we we need to expand our capability. So from the fire prevention standpoint, right now we have the fire inspector. And then we have the guys downstairs. And we want to give them the tools that they need. So we had a smoke detector program in the past, we haven't had it for a while. This gives us the ability, this type of grant gives us the ability to go out and mass purchase smoke detectors and have the ability if somebody requests wanted to do installs, we go to our residents may have a bad detector, we're able to swap it out. It builds that program. But we're also looking at a couple other community risk reduction factors with especially with the apartment buildings we have in the area, the workforce housing or the Independent Living housing,

we're looking at some range range top, basically a fire extinguisher type deal, but has a drop down. If somebody has a fire on the stove immediately drops down fire extinguisher agent, so that we can limit any expansion from there. And you know, those are our target areas is those workforce development and senior independent living places where those are the high risk ones for us. It also gives us the ability to develop programs for slips and falls, where 80% of our fire responses downstairs or EMS, a good portion of those are fall related. So it gives us the ability to create some education programs to basically go in and work on developing better avenues to reduce falls. And those do wind up being a lot of our our problems which also results in back injuries on the fire department. So we want to reduce both sides. And lastly is the fire of it at fire investigation. We do our own fire investigation here unless it exceeds a certain criteria, then the fire marshal's office takes it. However, internally, we just want to add additional equipment to our arsenal, such as digital cameras and things like that, so that we can do proper fire inspections. If they were ever to go into court, we want to make sure that we're doing things properly. So the grant does have a cost share to it. It's a 5% match. I don't look to do anything more than \$50,000. I'm trying to keep it very reasonable. So that we build these programs, but nothing more than we can afford from the cost share side of things, which I can pull out of my budget if I need to.

Michelle Beal

Any questions?

Steven O'Halloran

Can you say that again? What what is the portion? What is the amount of the grant?

Scott Guillerault

So the grant doesn't have a specific amount I have to go through and I have to basically build out the budget for the amount for each of those items. And then like I said, I'm I want to keep it less than \$50,000 so that my cost share is less than \$3,000.

Steven O'Halloran

Okay, that's where I'm trying to get to.

Steven O'Halloran

So if you if you were lucky enough to land the \$50,000 grant, Mr. And Mrs. Ellsworth is going to contribute \$3,000 is that what I'm hearing?

Scott Guillerault

Yes, sir.

Scott Guillerault

Effectively, yes. No more than

Casey Hanson

You might have said this on, I might have missed it. But the money that comes in for it is mostly things like, or is it man hour? Or is it humans?

Scott Guillerault

I'm not understanding your question.

Jon Stein

Is it equipment?

Scott Guillerault

It's equipment related. We're looking at purchasing smoke detectors, we're looking at purchasing equipment for fire investigation, and things like that. So the other part gives us the ability to create some programs. But it's hard to put a monetary value into creating a program outside of man hours. And for this grant, you can't cost share those man hours back because it's undefined.

Casey Hanson

Okay. The memo about it says the goal if awarded to have all eight staff, but that was just probably a typo from the earlier one. You're not hiring eight more people?

Scott Guillerault

No, no, there is no staff assigned strictly for projects. Thank you.

Jon Stein

Thank you, it's great. You've identified the top source of at least the EMS calls, and you're working to prevent those and then are like responding to kitchen fires and things that the smoke detectors and like fire extinguisher agents would prevent, are those really high percentage of your calls?

Scott Guillerault

So we in in a lot of the senior housing, we're running into cooking incidents, they haven't expanded to that point. But we're having to go in there and evacuate smoke from the building, things like that. So the incidences are on the rise. And we just want to get ahead ahead of this. So that if there is an incident that happens there, we can control it before we get there, especially in the unsprinkled buildings. So we're we're trying to find different avenues to lessen damage to property and people being displaced.

Jon Stein

I wouldn't see why we wouldn't want to do as much of that as possible. Seems like it would save money overall. But it seems more more than likely just be safer for everybody.

Michelle Beal

And it's a solution. I really I do for these types of things. I love these kind of programs because they're there's a need and instead of telling people if there's a need in your building, you need to fix it. You're coming up with a solution to help them fix it, I appreciate that a lot.

Scott Guillerault

If we can get the property owners to follow

Michelle Beal

What would you like?

Casey Hanson

Move to approve the request to apply for the FEMA fiscal year 23 fire prevention and safety grant.

Patrick Lyons

Second

Michelle Beal

Further discussion. All those in favor? Thank you.

Michelle Beal

Okay, agenda item number six Council order number 040903 requests of the water superintendent to approve bench scale testing by Woodard and Curran for future water treatment plant conceptual design.

Tammy Mote

Good evening, Reggie Winslow, Water Department superintendent. So we are working with Woodard and Curran on a conceptual design for new water treatment plant. A couple of years ago, we replaced a raw water pump at the plant. And with the funding from that we have we have excess funding from that. So we are looking to or asking to use that extra funding to fund the bench scale testing to test the water qualities and the properties of the water to get the best possible solution for the new treatment plan. Brent Bridges is here from Woodard and Curran and he can actually delve into that a lot deeper than I can.

Woodard and Curran

So Brent Bridges, Woodard and Curran. So this is a little bit of an unusual request. And as Reggie said, we're working on the preliminary design of the new water plant. And so as you all know, the water plant is undergone some significant it's in bad shape as we all know. And about a year ago the council authorized some funds to be able to do two things. To be able to replace a water pump that is ended its useful life. And the second part of that money was to be able to install a drain in that sump, so that when it floods up, we just have to pump it out all the time. And so we're going to install a drain that sump, run a pipe, daylight it to the outside, in, so that money was already authorized. And so the thought was, since it looks like the water plant project has gained some momentum and some funding, and will be moving, the thought was, rather than the pumps installed, rather than install this drain in and at this point in time, that would be it would be fine and useful for the next couple of years. The thought was, why not take that money, let Reggie live with that and reallocate that money for the pilot study. The pilot study is, what they do is, your water is different than anybody else's water and so you take the water, and we send it off to labs. And they use that water and they use different treatment technologies to test which ones are the most effective for your water. And so rather than bringing people up here and doing spending a lot of money to be able to do it at the site, we basically do this. So we can pilot everything, they can come back and say these ones work, these ones don't, we can add these chemicals to this to make it work more effectively. And so it's a nice way to be able to say, let's get like eight different technologies, testing your water, and give us back some results about what might be the

right solution for you. And so even if you sign this, you don't give us more money. I just wanted to make sure that what you gave us money to do two things, we're not doing one thing, we're going to do this thing, and it feels like we can limp by another couple of years, you know, with that sump and water in the sump, because you know, it's better use of the money. And so that's all this is, is you have to do the piloting. As opposed to ask for more money. Why don't we just use money that you already allocated for this project. And even with this, there's still a little bit of money left in that. And the reason a year ago, it got allocated and way it did, it was an emergency situation. And so we had it was really to hire contractors that we would direct to get this work done. So that's why the money came in this way. Again, so it was set aside, I think there's like \$40,000 left in it in that account. This is \$25,000 we just want to make sure that we're using, with your permission, that money for something else that feels like it's a more appropriate use of the money based on where you are today.

Michelle Beal

Just because I'm curious, do you take the water from different areas of the city before you send it away?

Woodard and Curran

No from from the from the lake.

Michelle Beal

Just right from the lake.

Woodard and Curran

Because it's we're talking about where it's not at the end, we're talking about what we can do from a treatability what the new plan will look like as far as treating it.

Patrick Lyons

For the new water treatment plan, in theory, when would that what are we looking at for a timeline for potential when you're looking to do that work?

Woodard and Curran

So we're still accumulating funding, we're pretty close. We're pretty close. So let's just say that we were to by the end of the year accumulate the funding. We're starting the design now. So a year to design, a couple year construction. So we're probably looking at 2027ish to be done.

Michelle Beal

Can you go with that sump pump for that long?

Reggie Winslow

So it's just a sump pump that we buy it and whatever Home Depot is just a little pump. So if it burns out it's 100 to 150 bucks

Woodard and Curran

It's just a pain to have to always be pumping that sump out for the next couple of years but as opposed to having a drain and just drains it but he said he's willing to live with it

Jon Stein

The company Blue Leaf, the pilot company, where are they located?

Woodard and Curran

Charleston, Massachusetts.

Jon Stein

This is like a fairly involved technical lab analysis that, like air and water quality

Nancy Smith

Okay, what changed that this isn't an emergency. What I thought I heard you say is this was done a year ago or so as an emergency situation and now rethinking and going for a long term solution.

Woodard and Curran

So you would allocate money

Nancy Smith

You said \$40,000. And now there's so I'm not quite following.

Woodard and Curran

I've got to get better on my numbers. So when when you allocate the money a year ago, it was to do two things, it was to replace the water pump at the plant, which has been done. And it was also to be able to put a drain line in so this, so Reggie doesn't have to drop the sump pump and drain this all every time, every time it fills up with water. So we were going to put a drain pipe in so like a like a foundation, drain something like that. So we could drain it. So he wouldn't have to do that all the time. So we'd put a pipe in the ground daylight it so we would always be dry.

Mike Harris

The water pump was the emergency

Woodard and Curran

The water from the water pump is the emergency. Because one water pump is the emergency this was just tagged on because this is an inconvenience. So they said let's do these two things. That one because it was really emergency you needed to buy it. This one was important, but not an emergency, and as time has gone on, as the water plant gets closer, it's like why spend that money? When you're going to build a new plant, maybe it's better to kind of reallocate that money. So thanks for that.

Nancy Smith

That was the key was what happened for the emergency that I get that.

Jon Stein

So at some point, we'll get information back from this pilot program that will say, here's, here's the best way to treat your water, do we have an idea of the ranges of just add a few more drops of chlorine versus like reverse osmosis everything is going to be a million extra dollars, or we'll have to cross that bridge when we get to it?

Woodard and Curran

They'll tell us the technologies that work the best and how those technologies need to be either modified or as is, then we come back and we talk about the cost implications of those technologies in ways when doing the design. And so all they'll say is like, boy, this can do it, it's a lot of money. Or, you know, this seems like a more reasonable thing. And like I said, all water is a little different, as far as how it turns over the lake, everything else and what you've got the acidity. And so how you're treating it where it's going new system. So they'll tell us give back recommendations that will bring back to you to say, as we're doing design. The important thing of this is, as we design the plan, it's really important to know what technologies are going in because not all they don't fit the same. Right? So like it's nice to know that the technology using see we build the building around it. And so that's why we're doing so much work out front on the technology selection.

Michelle Beal

Anyone else have any questions? Discussion? Motion?

Casey Hanson

I can make a motion. But you'll have to tell me if this if I'm making the motion correctly.

Casey Hanson

Move to reallocate the drain funds to new water to branch I don't know how to make a motion

Tammy Mote

Move to approve the request of the water superintendent to reallocate funds to bench scale testing by Woodard and Curran for future water treatment plant conceptual design.

Casey Hanson

Good one, second.

Michelle Beal

Can I just ask for a little bit, to reallocate which funds?

Tammy Mote

For the drainage funds

Michelle Beal

Allocated last year, just so that we know, have it, which funds we were going to

Casey Hanson

Second.

Michelle Beal

Further discussion?

Nancy Smith

Do we need a dollar value attached to the motion?

Tammy Mote

For \$25,000

Michelle Beal

Second, that one too?

Casey Hanson

Second.

Michelle Beal

All those in favor. Okay, item number seven. Council order 040904. Council order 040904 requested the highway superintendent to approve the revision of the stormwater drainage cleaning by Woodard and Curran to include additional areas desired by this City.

Adam Wilson

Good evening Council, Adam from Highway Department. Over the past two years, now maybe more than that, the city has realized the importance of upgrading our storm drain systems and mapping them all out instead of having it just way we were. And well, while we have been doing that we've contracted with Woodard and Curran and Brent is here tonight to give you a snapshot of what we are what they have done. And to do that, several hundred feet of it has been completely plugged. So we need to allocate more funds to do more cleaning. So we can continue with the camera and to finish up that section of the project. And then on top of that will be the conceptual designs for the Oak Street drainage, preliminary designs.

Jon Stein

Could you remind us that preliminary Oak Street drainage program that needs to be done before the DOT's project up?

Adam Wilson

Yes. So this is all the downstream drainage that has to be upgraded and repaired before the state comes through and rebuilds Oak Street. Because as of right now, there's no place for that drainage subsurface water to go. And this once it's if it's accepted and done, then it will take care of all of that. And as you'll see in Brent's presentation, it'll take care of it for a long time. And the funds have already been secured. This is just us looking to spend them.

Nancy Smith

Question? I guess, so two questions now. How does this compare to the stormwater workshop? That was maybe a month ago? Is this an additional \$70,000? Because of what's appeared, and you say we have the funding secured, we just need to allocate it. So can you remind me that's the funding that you talked about that night right?

Adam Wilson

So it's really it's the same thing as that meeting, the only difference is, is the cleaning of the drains that was identified, we could not camera, this will be part of that, and then we'll wrap it in with that money.

Nancy Smith

And I seem to recall, it was federal funding to do it, you had several different sources already secured for this

Adam Wilson

I believe it is federal funding, but I'm not 100% on that. It was a very low interest, government loan. Do you remember?

Woodard and Curran

Grants and loans it goes through the Feds to the state.

Woodard and Curran

So, two parts of this, and I'll answer all the questions as far as funding. So with the exception of three people in the room, everyone's seen this presentation, and so it will be new and special for some of you. It will be like the second or third, the third time you've seen it for some of you. I was hired by the city, you know, a year or so ago to investigate the stormwater system. And what we did as part of that is how you pay for that is that the DEP gave you \$2.2 million of grant money. \$200,000 was specifically towards the stormwater project, \$2 million was wastewater/stormwater, it's a little bit flexible as far as how you do with it. So as part of that \$2.2 million dollars came the city's way as far as grant money to kind of further your further the goals of the project. And so as part of that, what you did is you undertook a hired us and we worked with vortex. So vortex is a company goes out and cleans lines and TV and inspects lines and then helps us with our analysis as far as the condition of the line. And so I'll walk through this really quickly. So investigations together. So we were there with vortex doing it working in concert with Adam the whole time and said how many this is total amount of pipes, we inspected, catch basins drain also the whole structure. So that's what we did is looked at everything underground. What you'll see here is everything that looks like it's pink is your storm drain system. Everything that's blue, is the storm drain system. This is overview of Ellsworth, is the storm drain system that we were able to investigate and send a camera down and get some information on. So just a little bit about number of structures and pipes and things like that. So what you're doing is red is bad, green is good. From the standpoint of red would be like more defects or things like you know, something that would be green would be like or yellow would be like, looks like it's in pretty good shape looks like it can continue to function. So we looked at all these areas, 33 different little snapshots of all this of the storm water system in the in town, in the city. And so again, number of catch basins and manholes that we looked at, you know, as far as doing it some evidence of some of the things that needed to be fixed. On pipes, you know, we looked at some of the things that is, as Adam said, we went through it, we tried to do as

big an amount as we could. And there were some pipes that were so plugged we couldn't get through. So rather than stop, spend time and money with vortex to clean those pipes up, we kept them going took record of the fact where we can go back, when it's more cost effective to clean and, inspect those pipes, as opposed to holding the whole process up. And so as we're going through it we found in this is just this is places that will do open cut, one of the things we did on this is to make sure we're working with local roads committee is the common was like, Hey, if you're gonna do the storm water work, what streets are affected? So also let us know like, as we're planning capital projects, we'd like to know what streets are affected. So we don't pave them before, we could do storm water work. And so we tried, we tried to identify the kind of streets that would be subject to the work in so it looks like we're all working off the same playlist. Model results. So what we did is everything you see here, so here's Bucksport Road, Fleet Street, High Street, everything that's in red, we looked at as far as the study area, so 60 miles of pipe, how many structures, that mean square miles, we look at all those areas. Not all drainage areas are created equal. And so as you're looking at it, so this is just part of what we do is we look at five year storms, 10 year storms, 25 year storms and 50 year storms. Question was, what about 100 year storm, you know, installs the six inches, maybe it's 6.8 inches, it's not that much different as far as really 50s and the hundreds. And we seem to get a lot of fifties these days and a lot of twenty fives these days. And so we looked at these storm events. And what you'll see here, and I it's a better detail is like so this is a pipe. This is a full pipe, this is what they call hydraulic gradient. So like when you see this, that's where it ponds. So when you see that the pipe can't take it, the hydraulic gradient such that that's the area in town that's going to pond. What you see here is all these arrows are like his, as you're going down through all these arrows show kind of where the water wants to go. All the blue shows where it ponds, light blue is a little bit of ponding dark blue is a lot more ponding. And so as we went through each of these areas, we went to Hey, how about your pipes when you're having a this is a five year stormwater event. So relatively routine event, how full are your pipes, pretty full. So we're just saying not big enough, right? Old, pipe not big enough. And so as we're going down through this, we said this is an example of when you look at a 25 year storm. The whole city what you see is areas that are shaded in blue are areas where the water ponds. And so this is where flooding occurs. And so we said okay, well, if we're looking at this, then we know that a car broke down here, no mall, down through city hall, this area of Washington Street, those are some areas that tend to be flood prone. So let's look a little closer with those areas. So down here, which is the project we're going to talk more about Mill Mall, Card brook and then Washington Street area. So there's different ways of improving drainage, right, you can bigger pipes and bigger ditches. You can store it, so it goes someplace into some tankage or something and it flows back into the system at a later time. That's another way you can handle you know these kind of increases. You can raise up everything, you can raise the road, you can raise things up. And so it doesn't flood as much you can elevate things, you can flood proof it. So it's okay. If it's like Charleston, South Carolina, they flood all the time, they just go back to work the next day, right? It's flood proof, right. So you, you make it so you don't, it doesn't put you out of business, you can flood proof things. And last thing is just you gotta move a structure, you move some assets. So our work is really on what can do better pipe system better. So this is the area that we're spending the most amount of time and this is focus area one. So this is focus area one. So this is the area you've all seen before. So as far as what we're looking at is, again, everything that's looking like a yellow is looking like an existing pipe. Everything is looking like a purplish pipe is a new pipe. And so you can see six foot pipes, five foot pipes, five foot pipes, so larger pipes to be able to get the water in into the river faster. Other places that we're showing here, and we talked about this before is areas that it's

open swales of drainage, we'd love to be able to appropriate, that kind of thing to the system and not pipe it, it's beneficial and less costly to do it. This is an older version on this particular one on this project. We also, were asked by the city one point in time to say, hey, if we can't, we want it down here on in backyards and stuff like that. If we had to pipe it in the streets, what would that look like? It's, it's about \$2 million more to pipe it in the streets. And the reason is, you're fighting gravity. So some of those storm drain pipes are 18/20 feet in the ground, that's really expensive to put in that deep because you're fighting gravity. And so we looked at that evaluated that. Again, roadways, these are all the roads that will be dug up in some way shape, or form as part of this project. And again we just did, same thing, no, just same thing, ball, same same thing there, same thing for card brook. And then you're seeing all the green is like with flooding occurs. And we said you know it from a priority standpoint, and again, impacted roads, so we don't pave roads while we're trying to do stormwater work. And then when we looked at all this kind of stuff, one of the recommendations that came out of this is how we go about it, sometimes you can slip like a pipe, sometimes you have to replace the whole pipe. So it's a different kind of technologies that you might use to replace some of this. A lot of this is hard, because it's big pipe, you know, so it's really got to be, you know, putting a six foot pipe in the ground, five foot pipe in the ground, it's pretty hard to do anything other than just put the pipe in the ground. Cost estimates, this we talked about before, this is the focus area one, this is where, as Adam said, is driving the project because of the work on Oak Street, the DOT is going to do that says that you've said we'll do the drainage but it's got to go someplace, you need to have some it's got to have someplace to go into and someplace to come out of. So you need to be ready to accept the drainage that will be part of this project. And so that's I think, what's driving this phase of the project, when we looked at it and said, you know, hey, it's about a \$6.2 million project. If you if you did that ultimate roading and dug up the streets and put it there, you had a couple million dollars, I think that the feedback we got from Council workshop and local roads was let's see if we can work something out in those backyards and easements and things like that it's a much more cost effective way. And that's the approach that I think we've been given as far as the direction that people want to go in. And again, we just did cost estimates for each one of those. So of the two proposals we had on stormwater that we sent were number one, that we would get vortex back to finish all the work that we couldn't get to the first time. So we've got a more complete picture. So we can update the study. So that at least can be complete. And so with that, we also Adam had three different areas in town that I think they're here today. And so we're kind of combining that as well. And so this would authorize us to work with vortex would take that cost and slide it into this project as well. And so that's a \$70,000 And again, that comes out of the grant money. And so that is still DEP grant money that's being used for that. And so for that additional \$70,000. So that's still in the grant. And so the other part of it was we put together what we the first phase of

Woodard and Curran

this, which is, if we were to start, survey G attack, work with easements, start doing the design work bring everything up to bidding for this part of the project, which that seemed like the priority for the city to be able to do is how we can start that process knowing kind of the deadline of DOT there. And so what the other proposal I have is to be able to do everything from like a survey, geotech, working on easements. The other thing I should mention on this is it's not just a stormwater, because when you're putting these big pipes on the ground, conflicts with water, conflicts with Mike and so it's a good thing that Adam and Mike and Reggie all get along, because there will be conflicts along the way with utilities

and decisions about how we reroute some things as we're going. And so as you're going through it, they will be and we've carried some money in there for those kinds of replacements as well. So it's a storm water project, but we're taking attention to the other utilities that are in the ground that need to be changed or modified. And it could be the pipes perfectly fine. But the five foot pipe takes precedence over the eight inch pipe. And so we need to do some things around that. And so it's also part of picking up all that survey and information to be able to put that forward. And so it brings you right to a, a final design. And again, I put in there like I think at least four meetings with the city, two public meetings, because I think when you're doing this kind of work, it's good to have the public come in and see what the impacts might be to them as far as putting this forward. So I got six meetings in there at various times to be able to review this and go through it. And we brought it up as we typically just to bidding the project. And then because we don't know the timing, or if it's overlapping with some other projects, that might be some efficiencies and stuff.

Michelle Beal

So you're asking for the \$625,000 plus \$70,000.

Woodard and Curran

The \$70,000 comes out of the grant. So it's up, I do a little spreadsheet as far as capital projects. And the one thing that's been nice over the last few years with the city is because of taking a little larger view as far as at least from the stormwater and water and sewer, kind of an overall strategy as far as how to make these things go together in funding. And so the \$70,000 still comes out of the grant, and \$625,000 there's about \$530,000 of grant money leftover, should you apply that money towards it. And then you've got the loan that you approved the 1% loan of 808,600,000. So some combination of those two things.

Michelle Beal

So the the original funding for the project that you just completed with the extra \$70,000 that, that money's all been used up that original funding

Mike Harris

\$200,000 out of the 2.2 million {inaudible} 280,000 for the first

Michelle Beal

Was for this first project

Mike Harris

For the first investigation that I did and then the \$70,000 In addition to that

Woodard and Curran

So you have of the original 2.2 million. With authorizing the 70,000 you have \$551,184 of grant money left. Just straight grant.

Michelle Beal

What was the original grant money?

Woodard and Curran

The 2.2.

Michelle Beal

The 2.2 million was all grant and we have 500,000 of that left 551 184 left

Woodard and Curran

After you authorize the \$70,000, After the \$70,000 you have 551 184.

Jon Stein

Understand we can either tap into the remainder there and/or that low interest loan.

Woodard and Curran

Yes

Michelle Beal

We should use the grant money up first though

Woodard and Curran

The only thing I'll say on that is I would want to work with the city. On the best leverage. I don't think we're done asking for money on the stormwater

Woodard and Curran

The only reason I say that is so you can say like, Hey, let's just put \$551,000 of grant money towards it, we'll use the rest of the loan to make it happen. I would said, I'd like to work with Anne a little bit on finance. And the reason I say that is that we're in the process of potentially going after another ear mark for Ellsworth. So because, Mike got his.

Mike Harris

You gotta be careful how you play that. I'm not trying to interrupt, I'm just saying the \$2,200,000/\$200,000 is dedicated to stormwater. The 2 million was dedicated to sewer. And if you're going to take it, you take it, all I'm saying is, you better make sure you're on board with Brandy and everybody that the money they allocated for sewer work is not going away from sewer work. Because the money that's allocated for the 8.6 is not going to go to sewer.

Woodard and Curran

That's why I'd rather have the 551 hold in place for Mike and not spend that I'd rather have you spend your 1% money on this, for that reason. And another reason is, if we go out during the earmark, and I didn't mean to say that about Mike, so we have the earmark you got a couple of years ago for the High Street pump station was \$1.7 million. Last year, you're getting \$2 million of earmark for the water plant. And so you can't go for wastewater or water anymore. But we're because you've got stormwater, you

know, what we'd like to do in the next couple of weeks is put in an earmark for stormwater grant. And so it just feels like it and that's why I said that's, that's my hesitancy. So I'd like to be able to say, if you're approved it, like to wait a month or so before you get it executed. So we can kind of sort out the ear mark and everything else, that makes sense?

Tammy Mote

I just have some concern about approving the additional \$625,000 Because it wasn't advertised either. We're just shows on. It was just for the stormwater drainage cleaning the additional, it doesn't have anything about this. So I'm not sure.

Woodard and Curran

I would agree. It was in the packet.

Tammy Mote

I know that, I believe that there our next meeting, you're talking about reallocating some of those \$8.6 million funds. So I think I'd rather have all that squared away before.

Mike Harris

That's not reallocating 8.6

Tammy Mote

Well it's some funding.

Michelle Beal

But even so, but I agree with you, because I'm sitting here trying to figure out this money. And where it's going and you're saying is supposed to go to sewer and you're saying it's going to stormwater and where did the other \$1.7 million from this grant go if we only have 551. If we can have, instead of doing it in a meeting like this, and everybody hollering out numbers, is it possible for us to get something that says, this is the funding? Because like, where would the \$675,000 come from? We really need to have, and I've been asking for this. We need to have some idea of what we have for funding and what it's used for and where it's going. I know we got a debt service thing. But it was like this long on this much of a computer and I couldn't read it. If there was something that we could get I would feel much more comfortable doing this.

Casey Hanson

Right, when we had our stormwater drainage workshop you had a little sheet remember that he showed us that I think had those numbers like where are the grants?

Michelle Beal

We'll take a few minute break, while she gets us information

Michelle Beal

We're back. All right, we're all set to go back.

Woodard and Curran

Sorry for so much confusion. So in order to track all this, projects where the funding comes from, you know, and we've been working for the last six months or so with the city, about trying to track everything. And so what you'll see is, you know, like, Water Street upgrades \$2.4 million worth of work. That's the one that just got completed. And so you got \$500,000 for Northern Border Regional Commission for that work. You have a general obligation bond, that was like \$1.3 million, of which 1 million of that went towards that project, because that was the original intent. And so the balance is of that \$2 million that you got of grant money. Mike works really well with Randy Pierce at DEP. And Brandy had said that Mike could use some of that money towards the balance of the Water Street project. And so on Water Street it ended up being like, if you end up it's a million dollars in your money, it's 500,000 of Northern Borders, it's \$870,000 of the DEP Grant money. So Water Street, follow me? High Street. High Street pump station upgrade, \$2.2 million project not quite as big as Water Street, you got the congressional earmark for that. So you got a grant of \$1.77 million for that project. In order to get that project, you have to spend 20% comes with a little bit of a string. In this particular, because of when we wrote the grant application up there, we had High Street in it, along with stormwater projects in it. And so what you're doing is you're using that for 428 of grant that came with that, towards your match share of the High Street pump station project. So we got a little nuanced there, because the High Street pump station project came in a couple \$100,000 under budget. So at some point in time, we've got to, if you don't spend this, you don't get all of this. And so we've got some work to be done. But that's a good thing. That's a good thing to work on. Right now, High Street was this, you got this from the earmark and this is the balance of that \$2 million, it's still being used. So we've got, 870, here, you got 428 here you could use it for. Biosolids evaluation, that we haven't done the work that's just a placeholder working with Mike, back and forth; as far as with what he might do new centrifuge, you know, that work, we just put it in place, but but they did give you last year \$375,000 of grant money in order to evaluate and study what that looks like, we haven't executed or done anything on that there's too many other things we're working on. But like, so that's great money as well, that we put in there as far as coming from DEP.

Casey Hanson

So the \$375,000 is outside of the \$2.2 million DEP. But the other things 870,000/428,000 are from inside that \$2.2 million.

Woodard and Curran

I've tried a little bit Casey to try to on this be with my notes and my asterix and everything else to try to kind of see where the money goes to follow it. And so, so that's part of that. Stormwater evaluation system, as far as you know, \$280,000 the \$200,000 that was dedicated to that. This is the kind of the balance of that with the \$70,000 that you approve, might approve tonight to kind of finish that up. When we talked about these two projects, stormwater and sewer, there's seven point six and million, that's basically the 8.6 million of low interest loans you've got, it's not dedicated to anything at this point in time. So we just, we just hanging out there from DEP 1% money that isn't targeted to anything other than general, we haven't picked a project and put it on. Coming over to the other side, Surry Road Water replacement that total project costs. What we've listed is all of the grant money, or principle, forgiveness, money or loan money that's coming from the drinking water program towards that project on that project. Oak Street with a placeholder of four and a half million dollars out there for Oak Street.

At this point in time, we don't necessarily know if there are sewer problems on Oak Street that need to be addressed. If they are, then we can take some of that balance of that \$2 million to address it. But Mike's evaluating the sewer system to see if there are some things that need to be done on that. So if we, if we to be announced this like when we determine it, we'll use some of that balance of that \$2 million towards that effort. On the stormwater, what we've said is, it's kind of included in item five, it's like, overall, whatever happens under our stormwater project and things like that, so it's stormwater on Oak Street is where the DOT is taken care of, or you're doing as part of your project. It's kind of included there. The only thing that has been on the water line replacement, the drinking water part even gave you \$1.7 million for the waterline replacement, but it's a combination of principal forgiveness and loans. And so that has all been set aside and already set aside for the project to be done. When we get down to a new water plant. Budget \$13.8 million. What we've said is the \$2 million is the recent notification you got that you were successful in the earmark that took a year to get processed. You know, you submitted about this time last year, but it just got approved a couple of weeks ago. So that's \$2 million with a grant, you also have \$300,000 with the grant, and then a \$2.1 million grant and \$3.9 million worth of loan that they gave you towards the water project. So that you have a balance of five and a half million dollars of money, you've got to go find for the water project. So the two ways we're approaching that, the drinking water program has already told you, they will give you that money. At the same proportion they gave you, this 3.9 and 2.1. They're gonna give that money to you. So in the meantime, what we're doing is that on behalf of the city, we also submitted a Northern Borders Regional Commission application, that will go forward to be able to get a million dollar grant. And so in a perfect world, you might get that million dollar grant and not need quite that much from the Drinkwater program. And so that's again, just continuing to try to do this, and we'll talk about the reason that Reggie felt confident enough about continuing to pump out his sump, is because it looks like the water plants become a reality. And so it's getting closer we've got, we're starting to get some real money towards it. So again, Northern Border, if they give you a million dollars, you've been asked to do the next phase of the application. If you do that, then then that'll come off that five and a half. So your needs would be, but it's all set. The drink water program has already told you they'll give you the money. And so you actually have all the money you need for the new water plant. It's just a question of can we get a little bit more grant money in the process. And I think lastly is high pressure zone there's a big need out there. All we've done is studied it and evaluate it and you got a grant to be able to do that. And so that we try every few weeks to kind of update that project list as things are happening to see where we're at. It's in motion, where you're going to fund these things. What are grants what principal forgiveness, what are loans. That's as short as I can do it.

Mike Harris

One piece that we're missing from that was asked about earlier. So on the 15th council meeting, the general obligation bond that we took out to fund Water Street. I came to you guys about earlier when we talked about making the budget workshop, so we're going to take more money out of that the 2.2 will take 340,000 and use it additionally towards Water Street to finish Water street. And that way it allows us to take the general obligation money which doesn't have the restrictions of how to use it on wastewater. Now we're gonna move that to the High Street DOT project so we don't have to borrow any money, any more money to do that project, it's probably a much better interest rate. So so that's the piece that's missing.

Woodard and Curran

Thank you Mike. That's the reason that is DEP will not, we ask them we will they will not let you use any of their money for the {inaudible} and so we kind of said okay, well you will pay for Water Street pay for local on Water Street. That's that frees up that for you. I know that's confusing.

Mike Harris

So that's where the money you're talking about is missing, Michelle

Michelle Beal

Okay

Woodard and Curran

Questions?

Nancy Smith

Brent, how long have you been working with the City of Ellsworth?

Woodard and Curran

25 years, 30 years?

Woodard and Curran

I think about 30

Casey Hanson

So tonight our, the decision that we're trying that we're making just tonight is to add \$70,000 from the 2.2 million DEP funds to bring more techs back and do more of the robot looking.

Woodard and Curran

Yes. The other piece will go into a future dedicated

Matt Williams

We may have to have a special meeting for the drinking water button \$6 million loan because they got a letter from the drinking water program saying we have to accept it or decide if we're gonna accept it by May 1 and we got that April 2, so not good timing for our council.

Matt Williams

So, yes, we could add to that.

Woodard and Curran

Yes, you definitely want that money. That's very good.

Tammy Mote

Yes.

Woodard and Curran

Other questions?

Michelle Beal

Is that the treatment plant loan?

Matt Williams

The water treatment plant.

Woodard and Curran

It's this way there.

Michelle Beal

That's the 3.9, the 2.1 and 300,000.

Nancy Smith

I'm assuming that we're going to continue to reference like where the money's coming from and ongoing projects. You had mentioned a couple of things that aren't in writing that would be helpful as we move forward. One is, like you mentioned, a project is complete. So it'd be helpful to know, like, where is has been hasn't started yet? Or what's the start date? When was it completed? Is it in the mix is just helpful for context for us. And the balance, I was trying to figure out through the conversation, is that a balance leftover because it's too much money, but that's the balance to be raised?

Woodard and Curran

Yes, you don't have any sort of funding at this point in time.

Nancy Smith

Okay, so that's just to rename that column heading the last one, instead of balance, like balance to be raised or whatever. Whatever it is sort of when we glanced at it a month ago, and I mean, a month from now and try to remember this conversation. At least we've got those things for context. And it seemed as though you were referring to numbers that weren't yet in the chart, but will be soon.

Woodard and Curran

I tried to put the ball in there. And so I tried to like here, but that's the 2,200,000 and 8.6 and tried to do with note or something like that

Nancy Smith

I was able to follow, the footnotes are good, that was helpful. So maybe just those two additions, just so that again, when we pick this up in a couple of weeks, I'm sorry, I'm not going to read this again between just so we've got the context, that would be easier to pick it up again. Thank you.

Woodard and Curran

Questions?

Casey Hanson

Yeah, sure. I should do we need to make a motion for that. So okay, so move to approve the addition of \$70,000 from D EP; DEP ARPA to complete the vortex survey.

Nancy Smith

Second

Michelle Beal

Further discussion?

Nancy Smith

Question on when we'll be seeing all of this again, this whole presentation with phases one through four are going to come back again.

Woodard and Curran

On the stormwater? I would think when you put it on the agenda, I'll bring it back as far as number one. And then I would think I would bring it back as far as if the city were able to secure some additional funding to be able to advance some of the other ones. But I think priority focus area one, that's the priority right now?

Nancy Smith

Right. So I the question that goes all the way back to the workshop. Because I do I may not look at the papers anymore. But at three o'clock in the morning, I think of stuff. Can you go back? Are you able to find the map that showed focus areas 1, 2, 3, 4. And remember that night, we had the neighborhood of Fletcher street there. Maybe it was even on the walk home that I realized, if I understand it correctly, that workshop even though it was called the wastewater workshop that was about capital investments. And I think, Adam, if I understood you correctly, what you explained, what's the work that needs to be done? For the flooding that's happening on Fletcher isn't part of capital planning that that's something that you all would do as part of operations? Does that sound at all familiar?

Michelle Beal

No. That's not what you said. What? No, what is this major is just yeah, there's major planning, but then there's capital, fixtures, and we're going to do those in coinciding with

Nancy Smith

If you go back maybe I can explain it better with that, with the map. You remember at the at the workshop over the other building the other part of the building. There was discussion about there were issues in that neighborhood, but it didn't rise to the level of this there was another other way that you could address those problems. It's the big blue, the big blue to the right of focus area one. And I thought the clarity I got was that isn't a capital process that we're talking about here. But you had another way to address those issues,

Adam Wilson

We are going to do some ditching and maintenance, culvert replacement, as part of our yearly operations, not as a capital

Nancy Smith

Right. And I think and I came into the workshop as looking at it as all stormwater, and then realized percolating through that you were talking about, specifically the capital projects. They came because the theme of the workshop and the issues in their neighborhood, but you do have that in your work plans to be able to address the flooding they were talking about. Yes, and you weren't clear, you weren't clear that you couldn't do all of it, but that there was some work he could do within your normal work plan to address their plans.

Jon Stein

There was also some discussion of needing to have an area where the water below that ponding would clear first before they can really actually fix it. Yeah. But there was talks about helping a little bit at least, right, we got there.

Casey Hanson

All right. That's what I remember the idea was we have to start down at the river and move up toward them.

Nancy Smith

Right. But that there was something that you'd be able to pick up to help in the meantime, just outside of the big capital investments we're talking about. Okay. Thank you.

Michelle Beal

Motion. Seconded, your discussion. Any further discussion? All those in favor?

Michelle Beal

Just have one more question, though. So this \$625,000 that you, that's in, in our we're not focusing tonight, the focus area that that's coming back with additional ideas of where the funding is coming from?

Woodard and Curran

Yes, most likely, it's out of the loan

Michelle Beal

Out of a loan. Okay.

Woodard and Curran

Which is for stormwater work. So most likely under the 1% loan.

Casey Hanson

Is it on next week's agenda? Or no, we'll have to add it to the May agenda?

Matt Williams

It will have to be a special meeting.

Casey Hanson

Okay

Charlie Pearce

Your proclamation like today for prepared? I guess it wouldn't be guaranteed to be on there, but

Michelle Beal

I think we add it because we need to advertise it. If it's a borrowing. I hate to add anything on to an agenda. We really need to let the public know that we're borrowing.

Charlie Pearce

We'll get it figured out, we'll get the timing and

Patrick Lyons

Maybe we can time it with a workshop, maybe with a budget one.

Michelle Beal

That would be good.

Casey Hanson

Well, you're saying there's something else we have to do on that special night

Matt Williams

Something that we're time restricted that we have to get done? Yes. Accept the \$6 million loan.

Charlie Pearce

By May 1, we have to, it's not accept it's like say that we were interested in.

Mike Harris

We have the capital workshops the 17th.

Michelle Beal

And that's for the treatment, the water treatment plant, okay. Okay, agenda item number eight Council order 040905 request of the wastewater superintendent to submit construction and inspection services by Woodard and Curran for the High Street pump station upgrade.

Mike Harris

Good evening, Mike Harris Ellsworth wastewater superintendent. So as you are aware from the previous meetings, we awarded the hatchery compensation project, Apex was the lowest bidder. And so not part of that contract bid was the oversight and engineering services during the construction phase of the project and then the post construction. So this would include having a person from

Woodard and Curran on site during the construction, making sure they're following the plans, making sure they're not taking any shortcuts, handling construction meetings throughout pay Rec and financial processes throughout. And then, you know, post construction, putting together the punch list, making sure the contractor is following the punch list. Typical things that the engineering firm would handle for you. And so I'm simply here asking and the money is coming out of the project money. It's not money out of my operations budget or anything of that nature. It's money that's already allocated, which we have too much money right now anyway. What you don't usually hear people say.

Mike Harris

So it comes out of the \$2.2 million.

Mike Harris

Yeah, the 2.2 or the 1.77 ear mark, we have a couple of different funds pots we can take it out of. So I'm just asking you to approve the construction oversight proposal from Woodard and Curran.

Jon Stein

Did it go to a bid, did it need to go to a bid?

Mike Harris

No I mean, Woodard and Curran did the design work, all the pre work and everything associated with it. With all of our projects typically we flow through the same, because it'd be difficult to bring another engineering firm in, that didn't design it. And then you have someone that has less historical knowledge of the city, less historical knowledge, because they've been with us for 30 years. So onboarding, somebody that, you know, that would have to come in, understand us understand the project, understand what their design looks like, just becomes difficult.

Michelle Beal

It also creates a bit of a conflict. You're taking someone else's work.

Mike Harris

And so it's just really about efficiencies, right? They have a new, if you have an engineer come in, and they look at the design and they say, Well, I think you should have done this way, then it can impede the progress of the whole situation. So you know, really being efficient. And really, honestly, you want the best outcome possible for the city. But the Water Street pump station came out, fantastic, and it came out under budget. And so that money is going to roll forward. And so we're going to look to do the same thing with the High Street pump station project. You know, and then we'll, you know, if the dewatering project happens, then we'll that money and I'll carry forward and we'll hope to carry on that positive flow that we have going on right now in the wastewater.

Michelle Beal

Any questions? Motion?

Tammy Mote

Move to approve the construction inspection services in the amount of \$155,000 by Woodard and Curran for the High Street pump station upgrade to be funded from the High Street pump station upgrade funding funds. Is it ARPA money?

Mike Harris

Yeah, it's DEP ARPA money

Casey Hanson

Second

Michelle Beal

Discussion? All those in favor?

Mike Harris

Thank you, everybody.

Michelle Beal

Okay, item number nine, move into executive session and I'm going to have to get to the one MRSA can't remember which

Patrick Lyons

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Michelle Beal

Thank you.