

1 MINUTES

2 Special Meeting of the Elberta Village Council

3 401 First Street (Community Building) Elberta

4 June 9, 2016

5 6:30 PM

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7 Call to Order at 6:30 pm

8 Attendance: Present: Gatrell, Holmes, Jenks, O'Dwyer, Soper.

9 Agenda : Penfold Park Restroom Project Partial Grant Funding

10 the following was read into the minutes by President Jenks

11 "The Village Office received a call from the USDA on Friday, June 3rd. Based on our grant  
12 application score, the Village qualifies for grant funding for the Penfold Park Restroom.

13 However, the USDA is unable to fully fund the grant request at \$70K. They can only make  
14 \$50K available to us. Before they officially commit the funds, the USDA needs to know if the  
15 Village will proceed, and complete the project, with only \$50K in grant money. The Village  
16 owes the USDA a response by June 10th.

17 "Question before Council (and Parks and Recreation Commission) is whether the Village will  
18 guarantee completion of the Restroom Project if the grant is funded for \$50,000. More  
19 specifically, does the Village accept the financial risk to cover any restroom construction costs in  
20 excess of \$50K.

21 "The Village Treasurer called a commercial contractor inquiring about the "typical" cost of an  
22 ADA compliant public restroom. Based on the feedback from that contractor, the Village Clerk  
23 and Treasurer consider moving forward with a \$50K budget to be a low to moderate budget risk.  
24 Furthermore, cost risk can be minimized by having a very well defined project before going out  
25 for bid and avoiding change orders."

26 Extensive public comment and discussion with Council occurred. Discussed possibilities of  
27 raising additional monies through fund raising campaigns and soliciting letters of commitment.  
28 People felt it was important to disseminate that the grant does not require a match.

29 Motion by O'Dwyer, supported by Holmes to have the village accept the financial risk to cover  
30 any restroom construction costs in excess of \$50,000. Roll call: Gatrell - Aye, Holmes - Aye,  
31 Jenks - Aye, O'Dwyer - Aye, Soper - Aye. Motion Carried.

32 The Council thanked Sue Oseland for putting the grant proposal together and sheparading it  
33 along.

34 Motion by O'Dwyer, supported by Holmes to adjourn meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at  
35 7:56 pm

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Catherine M. Anderson  
Village Clerk