

Roll: Floyd "Butch" Coburn, Mayor  
Ron Walter, Common Council  
Ken Olin, Common Council  
Sue Moore, Common Council  
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer  
Ted Miller, City Superintendent  
Jim Nichols, Police Chief  
Peter Cioni, City Planner  
Jimmie Eck, Fire Chief

Mayor "Butch" Coburn opened the Public Hearing of the Common Council of the City of Butler at City Hall, 120 West Main Street at 7:40 pm.

This is a Public Hearing about a grant that the City intends to apply for from the CDBG. Donna Anderson of Kenna Consultants and Dave Wagner of Millennium Environmental gave some background information on how this application came about. It is the intent of the City of Butler to apply for a grant to fund a storm water project along US Route 6 in the amount of \$500,000. The local share of the project would be \$300,00. This is the first public hearing of two required hearings. The second hearing will be held February 16, 2009.

The purpose of the project is to separate storm water run off from the interceptor sewer along part of US 6. Even though the City has completed a Wet Weather Project, there are still too many Combined Sewer Overflows. The NPDES permit that the City holds, requires the City to get the number of CFOs per year down to 4. The City has had 18 in the past year. The city needs to do something about the problem before they are forced to by IDEM. The fines for not complying with the NPDES permit can be up to \$25,000 per day. The goal of the project is to separate catch basins from the sewer.


Donna Anderson then asked for comments or questions from the audience about why the City should pursue the grant.

Jim Nichols stated that he is in favor of the City applying for the grant. If the City does not receive any assistance with the proposed separation project, water bills could increase by up to 50%. There are a lot of low income families and retirees in our City. This would be a tremendous burden on them.

City Attorney McNerney stated that he sees grants as the only way communities our size can do things that we are required to do by other government agencies.

City Superintendent Miller stated that this separation project will also save the utility money on chemicals and overtime labor that is caused by combined sewer overflows.

The Public Hearing was declared closed.




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