



Public Hearing Meeting Minutes April 7, 2026

Call to order, **Mayor Matthew** called to order the regular meeting of the

Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant (NOFA) at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, the 7th day of April 2026

Roll call:

- ✓ Alderman Floyd Blackwell
- ✓ Alderman – Alvin Robinson
- ✓ Alderwoman - Debra Carter
- ✓ City Engineer - Wade Morris

Dianna Drake, the city clerk, conducted a roll call.

The following were in attendance:

* **Please see the attached list**

I. New business

Information and discussion of the Community Block Grant (NOFA)

Comments:

Alderman Floyd Blackwell gave a brief description of the several uses for Community Development Block Grant Funding. He mentioned that in the past, the City of Cool Valley was able to allocate funding for the repair of Hill Ave. It was mentioned that the City really needed to allocate more funding to street repairs so that the streets would be safe to travel on, given their condition.

City clerk Dianna Drake informed the areas within the city that have issues are 8308 Hill Ave, Hawkesbury, Hastings, Haley Ave, Welaba Ave, Willingham, and the City Hall area.

Mayor Mathew would like Evans' sidewalks to be ADA-compliant. We have senior residents who have wheelchairs, scooters, and other devices, and the sidewalk is not wide enough. Also, some areas are unsafe because they require pedestrians to walk or ride in the street. It was noted that, at some point in the future, it would be good to use the funding for the City Park improvements.



The floor was opened to the attendees for the following public comments:

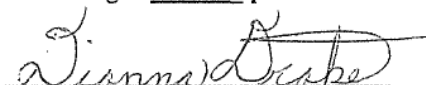
COMMENTS:

- Alderman Robinson mentioned that an area of Hill Street and Emerling was in bad condition and that something needed to be done about the streets. A section of then. N. Hill Street, which is sinking, is interested in having more work done to repair that area. We will need to ensure wheelchair accessibility and pedestrian access to the sidewalk, not the street.
- Alderman Blackwell responded that while he was aware of the need for better streets, he agreed that the North Hill, Emerling, and Evans need a wider sidewalk; the other streets are in poor condition, and that they have been on a priority list for some time.
- Mayor Matthew agreed that there were many streets that could use repair work. The ones listed by the City Clerk. Redwood Park can be held off until the street repair takes place and the sidewalk on Evans is repaired.
- Alderwoman Carter mentioned that she would like to have speed humps on Hawkesbury .Dr., to slow the driver down in that area.
- Mr. Blackwell said that he would also like to see North Hills worked on and that it would make a big difference for the residents, and that they would be grateful for any repairs that could be done in that area. He also mentioned that some repair work was already underway in that same area
- Everyone was in agreement about getting the street done and addressing the sidewalk on Evans, so we could proceed with putting the funding toward it.

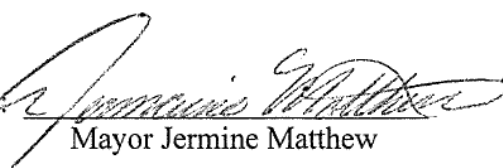
There were no other comments, and everyone agreed that the streets and the Sidewalk should be done.

Mayor Mathew adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m..

Minutes submitted by:


Dianna Drake, City Clerk

Minutes approved by:


Mayor Jerminie Matthew