

On Monday, January 30, 2023, the emergency called meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Nash. All council members were present at roll call and it was determined a quorum did exist.

The first item of business was approval of the agenda. Council member Watts motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by council member Keith and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Next was the Pledge of Allegiance and review of the rules of decorum.

The only item on the agenda for discussion was the GDOT grant which the Town has applied for. Council member Askvig was finally able to get answers to some of the questions asked by members at the work session meeting on January 23, 2023.

Council member Askvig said her previously forthcoming contact at GDOT, Andy Torrey, was extremely slow responding to inquiries and other offices did not respond at all.

What was determined was that the grant for \$300,000 would not include any actual work. This entire amount would pay only for engineering studies, done entirely by GDOT personnel. It was also stated that in-kind work could not be part of the Town's 20% contribution. Of note, however, that was stated in our application for the grant that we would count on in-kind work for part of our contribution and the application was not turned down then. It was also learned that the Town would not actually receive any funds, all disbursements would be handled by GDOT.

This is to be a 3-phase grant but since none of the offices involved at GDOT would respond, it was not clear if the Town would have to contribute 20% more for each phase, nor how those other phases would be handled.

After more unanswered questions and discussion about whether or not we could bid out the work ourselves, Mayor Nash called for a motion.

Council member Keith motioned that we not accept the grant. Council member Blakeley seconded the motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.

As no other business could be conducted at this meeting, council member Askvig motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:33, seconded by council member Blakeley. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Ruth Nash – Mayor

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Sharon Richmond - Clerk