

**Council Minutes**  
**Public Hearing Meeting**  
**August 14, 2025 - 1:30 p.m. - 403 Second St NW, Coeburn, VA**

**Attendees:**

Upon roll call, the following members of Council were present: Deventae Mooney, Sharon Still, Joe Still, and Carles Collins. Lisa Woodruff was absent. Jimmy Williams, Town Manager, and Cathy Sharpe - Clerk/Treasurer, were also present. William Sturgill- Town Attorney, was absent.

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Deventae Mooney called the meeting to order. Mr. Joe Still gave the invocation. The group remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Deventae Mooney.

**Public Expression:**

There was no public expression.

Public expression was closed.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Sharon Still made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Joe Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

**New Business:**

- A. Lenowisco Community Development Block Grant - Mr. Jimmy Adkins apologized for the confusion around the time of the meeting and verified that everyone had a copy of the information sheet. Mr. Adkins said this process will be similar to the process of the project in 2021. It is time to put in for a DHCD planning grant, and there are two that are offered. There is an Activation Planning Grant and a Project Driven Planning Grant. The Activation Planning Grant offers up to \$40,000.00 to the town to do an analysis to assess the town's needs. The Project Driven Grant comes after the plan is made to implement the plan. Mr. Adkins said the information will need to be submitted within the coming week. Mr. Adkins went over the amounts available for the grants. DHCD grants are available for economic development, infrastructure, housing rehab and public services.

Mr. Adkins said that the town's needs will need to be identified to move forward on this grant. He asked for comments and ideas from Council. Mr. Mooney said even though he has big ideas for the town he feels like the first step would be to start with a small idea and get an idea of how the process works before moving forward. Mr. Mooney said he knows Mr. Adkins is familiar with the process and with the town and asked for suggestions based on what he thinks would be approved of for the town. Mr. Adkins thinks the towns need

to sell themselves and there is an ample opportunity for DHCD to help the town, because it has been a long time since they have given funds to the town. Ms. Still discussed renovations that need done in the depot and the brick sidewalks through town that need to be replaced and those would fall under downtown revitalization. Ms. Still said the buildings downtown haven't been improved since the 1990's. Mr. Mooney agreed with Ms. Still, and brought up the work that needs to be done to the creek that runs through town. The creek needs to be dredged, and the bank is falling off in some sections. Both issues create safety concerns. Mr. Mooney thinks those issues are a good place to start, focusing on the depot building, the downtown buildings, the creek and the brick sidewalks.

Mr. Adkins feels like coming to the table with identified needs is a plus in the process. He said the DHCD is good about working with the budget and determining what is needed.

Mr. Paul Hilton asked for clarification about the type of grant and if the public hearing today would discuss public housing. Ms. Still said that could be part of the use of the grant. There are grants to facilitate the development of areas, to deal with urgent need housing and assessing the needs of housing in the areas.

Mr. Adkins said the grant applications may not be scored until the end of the year. Mr. Mooney asked what the town needs to do now, at this point. Mr. Adkins said the letter of interest is complete, and it would be good if any of the documentation from the SWOT meeting could be attached to that. Mr. Adkins said he would be in touch if anything else will be needed.

**Council Comments and Concerns:**

Carles Collins - Mr. Collins had no comments or concerns.

Joe Still - Mr. Still had no comments or concerns.

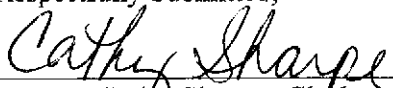
Sharon Still - Ms. Still thanked Mr. Adkins for all the work he has done.

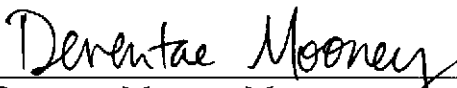
Deventae Mooney - Mr. Mooney thanked Mr. Adkins and Thomas for keeping the town in mind.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Deventae Mooney made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Vice Mayor Sharon Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Attest: Cathy Sharpe, Clerk

  
Deventae Mooney, Mayor