

**Town of Century
Council Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2026, at 6:15 PM**

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Call Public Hearing to Order

1. Roll Call for Public Hearing

PRESENT

Mayor Ben Boutwell

President Dynette Lewis

Henry Cunningham

Shelisa Abraham

John Bass

Sparkie Harrison

2. Open Meeting with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Lewis

3. Public Forum on CDBG Grant

A. Applying for the CDBG Grant for Housing Rehabilitation

4. Adjourn Public Hearing

Call Regular Meeting to Order

5. Roll Call For Regular Meeting

6. Review of the Accounts Payable/Bills List

A. Review of Accounts Payable

7. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2026

Motion made by Cunningham, Seconded by Harrison.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

B. Approval of Accounts Payable

Motion made by Harrison, Seconded by Bass.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

Public Forum #1

Mr. Eric Bailey and Ms Karen Brown stated that 219 square feet is not feasible for her Aunt. Her sister Charlene Spears sent an email wanting information and requests for a hardship variance. It was explained that the Ordinance does not go into detail on their issue. It was stated that the current issue is that the current property is 1.6 acres and

that an extra building could only be 219 sq feet. An addon could be any size if its added on to the existing structure, but to put an additional building it can only be 219sq feet.

Councilmember Bass stated that the Ordinance needs to be revisited, and Council President Lewis agreed. The council requests to know and understand the current laws on the mobile homes and zoning in the Town.

8. Action Items

A. Attending of NWFLC 2026 Annual Summer Event

Councilmember Abraham stated that it is good for Councilmembers to attend to learn.

B. Contract for Consultant for Certified Water and Wastewater and Consultant to handle Water Operations Operator

Hiring of the Consultants Consultant for Water/Wastewater and Discontinuing the use of Clearwater Bass/Cunningham

Motion made by Bass, Seconded by Cunningham.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

C. Hiring of a Permanent Water and Wastewater Operator

Hiring of Clemente Brooks at \$28-\$31 per hour.

Motion made by Bass, Seconded by Abraham.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

D. Resolution 2026-004-SRF Loan (Dale)

The council needs to approve the resolution, the mayor to sign the application, and to move forward with the loan. This is a 9 million dollar project, this is for the 10% of the loan that will not be forgiven. Mr. Reynold's asked what the total amount of the loan is, it was stated that Mr. Long would be getting him that information.

Motion made by Cunningham, Seconded by Harrison.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

E. Donation of Building for Event (Harrison)

Councilmember Bass stated that the Council has to be consistent on how building rentals are donated. The deposit must be paid ahead of time but will be refunded once the building is returned clean. Councilmember Lewis agreed with Councilmember Bass. Mr. Reynolds asked if there is need for security would that be waived. It was stated that no it would not be waived.

Councilmember Bass stated that the council needs to come up with some guidelines as to who gets the building for free.

9. Mayor's Comments

10. Councilmember Comments

A. Guns and Hoses Softball Fundraiser (Councilmember Abraham) Councilmember Abraham stated that the item on the agenda was premature. The Town of Century

needs to make sure that there is nothing that will cause the Town to be held liable for injuries.

Councilmember Cunningham asked what we are doing to fix the current issues on the audit. Councilmember Bass states that nothing needs to be moved from year to year. Those deficiencies need to be corrected.

Town Administrator stated that the Town is working hard to correct the issues on the 2024 audit. The Town Clerk states that she would email the council her replies on all the audit findings.

Councilmember Bass said that he wants to continue working together as a team. He does not want anyone to feel like they are being attacked.

11. Staff Comments/ Report

The Town Clerk stated that there is a new form for individuals to update their contact information. This will enable the town to send out electronic notifications.

Also a test run has been done on the meters.

12. Public Forum #2

N/A

13. Adjourn Regular Meeting

Adjourned at 8:08 PM

Motion made by Cunningham, Seconded by Bass.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

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Attest:

Town of Century

Benjamin Boutwell, Mayor

Carrie Moore, Town Clerk