CITY OF FEDERAL DAM
WORKING SESSION MINUTES

Date: August 10, 2026
Time: 5:00 PM
Meeting Type: Working Session

Present: Mayor Raines, Council members Zobava, Lego, Monette, Yuhala, Clerk Payment, Treasurer Knox, Grant writer Kendall, Maintenance Francis.

Visitors: John and Cindy Lemm, Justin Payment

The City Council held a working session to discuss the approximately $150,000 community hall improvement grant and plans for improving City Hall as a functional and welcoming community space.

- Discussed contacting approximately 3–4 general contractors to inspect the building, recommend improvements, and provide preliminary estimates.
- Reviewed priorities including crawl-space moisture and ventilation, heating and cooling, electrical needs, accessibility, flooring, walls, and other building conditions.
- Discussed community hall improvements, including a durable floor, improved walls and finishes, kitchen updates, a serving window, storage, and retaining the large exterior door for practical use.
- Discussed technology needs such as a projector, screen, electrical outlets, internet connections, and possible security cameras, subject to grant eligibility.
- Discussed utility locating and the need to confirm underground utilities before any excavation or permanent construction.
- Discussed possible contractors and HVAC providers; contacts will be verified before requests are sent.
- Reviewed grant requirements, project deadline, eligible expenses, and the need to confirm requirements with the grant administrator.
- Next steps include obtaining contractor recommendations and estimates, evaluating HVAC and building conditions, confirming accessibility and utilities, developing the kitchen layout, and bringing the proposed scope and costs back to the City Council.

The goal of the project is to make practical, durable improvements to the existing building while creating a clean, comfortable, accessible, and flexible community space.

City Clerk

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