

SUGAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

23 AUGUST 2007

POTENTIAL GRANT FOR THE WEST ENTRY GRAIN SILO AND ADJACENT AREA**A. Background**

1. We last talked about this project at the City Council Meeting on May 24th.
2. This body invited me to submit an "Intent to Apply" form relative to a possible grant.
3. The form was submitted, copies were given to the Mayor, City Clerk and Bruce King, nothing negative has come back.
4. That night we also talked about up front costs that would be associated with submitting a final grant application, namely, precise and detailed Engineering and Artistic Designs drawn to scale. Such costs would need to be paid without knowing if the project would be approved.

B. Additional Information About These Grants (summary from Bill Shaw, Rigby office)

1. Procuring such a grant will be highly competitive. The number of "Intent to Apply" forms submitted statewide indicates there will be more applications in January than ever before. The dollars requested equal three times the funds available.
2. If awarded, these grants must be seen as a reimbursement program. As the project moves forward, month to month expenses have to be paid by the City. Reimbursement then comes back to the City as phases are completed and written reports are submitted and approved for payment.
3. If awarded, the grant would be for the FY 2011, and would likely take two years to complete. We would know late next year if the grant had been awarded.
4. Graphic design is the key to this type of grant request.

C. Estimated Up Front Costs to the City to Submit a final Grant Application

1. Projected costs for an Engineering Design.....\$9,200 (Dick Dyer)
2. Projected costs for an Artistic Design.....6225 (Tim Whitworth)
3. These two designs would need to be done by Dec. 1st

D. Decision

1. It seems that a decision on this project needs to be made by City Council no later than the first meeting in Sept., tonight would be better.
2. Final applications will be available next month and instructional seminars will be held in each Transportation District this fall to provide help in completing the application which would be due prior to January 31, 2008.