

CITY of ROBERTS  
March 4, 2025  
City Council Hearing

The Roberts City Council met for a hearing at the regular place of meeting, after having been notified of said meeting of said council.

Robert (BJ) Berlin.....	Mayor	Ron Grant.....	Maintenance (absent)
Edidt Sanchez.....	Council	Julie Garcia.....	Library Director (absent)
Ben Poston.....	Council	Jed Bigelow.....	City Attorney (absent)
James Zillinger.....	Council	Robert Loftus.....	Certified Water Operator (absent)
Shauna Lounsbury.....	Council	Gregg Rodrick.....	Certified WW Operator (absent)
April Galbraith.....	Clerk/Treasurer	Steve Anderson.....	Jefferson County Sheriff (absent)

Also present: Siona Johnson with Altura and Christian Johnson

Mayor Berlin opened at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Berlin welcomed everyone to the hearing regarding proposed grant activities. Mayor Berlin read aloud from the hearing notice: The City of Roberts is submitting a proposal to the Idaho Department of Commerce for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) in the amount of \$245,000. The proposed project consists of making improvements to the Roberts Community Center (RCC).

The hearing will include a discussion of the application, scope of work, budget, schedule, benefits of the project, how ICDBG funds will benefit low and moderate income persons, and location of the proposed project. The application, related documents, and ICDBG Application Handbook will be available for review.

Mayor Berlin invited Siona Johnson of Altura to speak. She said that the funding opportunity would allow for improvements to the RCC. The improvements will include a new HVAC system, renovate the bathrooms to bring them up to date and in compliance with ADA standards, replacement to the front entrance ramp to bring it into ADA compliance, and replace exterior doors. The CBDG application will be for \$235,000. If awarded per-current and construction will begin this summer. All residents of the City of Roberts will benefit including the low and moderate income residents. Comments can be taken for five (5) days following this hearing. The grant application and grant handbook will be available to view. All comments will be responded to within 15 days. The funding for the ICDBG comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Mayor Berlin asked why the application will be for \$235,00 and not the \$245,000 the hearing notice has. Siona said that with the City's \$10,000 it equals the \$245,000. If the project goes over \$250,000 there would be an increase in requirements, such as BABA (Build America By America).

Mayor Berlin asked if there were any questions or comments.

The project is in the study phase right now with a grant that will fund the project based on the study. The project would remove manganese and iron from the city's water supply.

Mayor Berlin asked about the roof repair not being included in the application. Siona said that cost estimate for the roof put the project over budget. It was agreed that the roof will need to be redone at some point but was not a pressing matter.

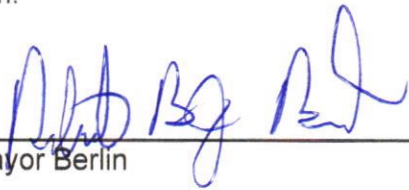
The application will be ready for Mayor Berlin's signature on Friday and be submitted.

James asked about scheduling. Mayor Berlin said that the project, if awarded, would probably start in the next budget year. Consideration would also be taken for the rentals that have been booked, if possible. Siona said that they are looking to begin construction in late September 2025.

The design process will begin if the grant is awarded.

Mayor Berlin opened the floor to the public for discussion.

With no other questions or comments from the public, Mayor Berlin closed the hearing at 6:51 p.m.

  
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Mayor Berlin

  
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City Clerk