

**Town of Century  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 28, 2026, at 6:15 PM**

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Call the Public Hearing to Order

@6:15 PM

**1. Roll Call**

PRESENT

Mayor Ben Boutwell

President Dynette Lewis

John Bass

Sparkie Harrison

ABSENT

Henry Cunningham

Shelisa Abraham

**2. Open Meeting with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilmember Bass lead us in prayer.

**Public Forum on CDBG Grant**

Deborah Williams spoke and said that the USDA had told her that the grant was just ready to be applied for. The town has not even been awarded the grant yet. It was stated that the grant is just now being considered for the Town to apply for. There will be advertisements, applications will be at Town Hall, there will be notices on the utility bills so that the public will know.

The grant writer stated that all homes have to be brought up to code before ANY monies can be spent on the home. There are several homes that will have lead based paint and they will require major rehab. The grant writer stated that the Town of Century needs to look at and modify their Housing Rehabilitation Policy and Procedures.

There can be 17 houses rehabbed for \$62,250 or there can be demolition done. The town will need to decide which way they want to go.

**3. Adjourn Public Hearing**

Hearing was adjourned at 6:32pm

Call the Special Called Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order

**4. Roll Call**

PRESENT

Mayor Ben Boutwell

President Dynette Lewis

John Bass

Sparkie Harrison

ABSENT

Henry Cunningham

Shelisa Abraham

## Public Forum #1

### 5. Action Items

A. RESOLUTION 2026-003-CDBG Grant for Housing Rehabilitation

Motion made by Bass, Seconded by Harrison.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Bass, Harrison

### 6. Mayor's Report

NA

### 7. Council Comments

Councilmember Bass stated that the Town wanted to help as many as possible. Their would be a scoring method to ensure fairness all across the board.

Councilmember Lewis stated that she really wanted all councilmembers present when options were chosen for the grant.

### 8. Staff Comments

The Town Clerk just wanted to let the council know that the utility bills were out.

### 9. Public Forum #2

William Reynolds stated that SHIPA had found some foundation issues during the Tornado in the Historical District.

Robin Philips stated that Habitat for Humanity and SHIPA is currently doing repairs to homes. If individuals wish to apply she suggests that the individuals reach out to them individually.

### 10. Adjourn Special Called Meeting

Adjourn @ 7:18pm

Motion made by Harrison, Seconded by Bass.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Bass, Harrison

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**Town of Century**

**Attest:**

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Benjamin Boutwell, Mayor

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Carrie Moore, Town Clerk

