

***TOWN OF JONESVILLE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2025***

The Jonesville Town Council met for the Special Meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Council Present:

Mayor Pro Tempore Andy Green
Tracy Wall
Regina Adkins
Michael Tilley
Scott Darnell

Absent:

Mayor Anita Darnell

Others Present:

Wendy Thompson, Interim Town Manager

Mayor Pro-Tempore Green called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Green then opened the Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Programs. Interim Town Manager Thompson reviewed the North Carolina Small Cities Community development Block Grant (CDBG) program(s) in order to submit applications for funding over the next 12 months. Information covered:

General CDBG

- This is a required public hearing for North Carolina Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program(s) in order to submit application(s) for funding.
- The purpose of this public hearing is to allow residents/citizens an opportunity to express views concerning community development priorities, available funds and eligible activities, and review of program compliance prior to the Town's project- specific applications to the state administering agencies.
- This federal funding comes from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD)
- CDBG program activities must meet one of the national objectives:
 - (1) Benefit low- and moderate- income (LMI) persons;
 - (2) Prevent or eliminate slum and blight;
 - (3) Address an urgent need
- Eligible locations (non-entitlement communities):
 - All NC small cities except the 24 entitlement municipalities
 - All NC counties except Cumberland, Mecklenburg, Union, and Wake
- The State receives funding every year for CDBG-ED, CDBG-NR, CDBG-I and CDBG-DR funding.
- The CDBG program can fund a wide variety of community development activities. The State has chosen to fund several activities: water and sewer infrastructure, neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and special allocations for disaster (hurricane) recovery and COVID-19.

Funding in NC:

A. Economic Development

1. Administered by NC Department of Commerce (DOC) Rural Economic Development Division (REDD) and presented by DOC to the NC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) for approval
2. Priority projects are those that provide site clearance, or building or infrastructural support for businesses that commit to job retention/creation
3. Awards and match requirements depend upon annual economic tier rankings and job commitment
4. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year

B. Neighborhood Revitalization

1. Administered by NC REDD and presented to the RIA for approval
2. Maximum award is \$750,000
3. Projects focus on LMI housing-related activities and community revitalization
4. Applications are competitive and typically due in the summer/fall

C. Infrastructure

1. Administered by NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) and presented by DEQ-DWI to the State Water Infrastructure Authority (SWIA) for approval.
2. Maximum award is \$3M every 3 years
3. Projects focus on water and sewer for LMI areas, persons, and households
4. Applications are competitive and typically due in the fall.

D. Disaster Recovery

1. These funds are a result of hurricane disasters: varied in nature based on county-wide needs assessments for housing- related activities, economic relief, strategic buyouts, and flood mitigation for future disasters.
2. Applications are received on a rolling basis

E. Coronavirus

1. Administered by NC DOC REDD and approved by RIA.
2. Priorities included public services, public facilities, and economic development activities to support individuals and communities during the public health crisis and small business economic recovery.

CDBG Performance & Requirements

- Formal public hearings have been held for every CDBG application round to inform residents/citizens of the potential project(s) and obtain feedback.
- ***The Town received a CDBG-Infrastructure grant in Spring of 2019 for rehabilitation of the water system in LMI areas and a CDBG-CV grant. To date, no compliance issues have been noted.***
- If awarded a CDBG grant, plans and policies required by U.S. HUD will adopted that will govern fiscal management, efficient operation and maintenance, and program compliance, such as:
 - American with Disabilities Act/Section 504 Plan to address non-discrimination in the treatment of and program access to handicapped/disabled persons
 - Fair labor standards in accordance with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Davis-Bacon & Related Acts
 - Citizen participation in and access to program information and implementation
 - Equal opportunity and procurement through program implementation
 - Fair Housing Plan to affirmatively furthering fair housing
 - Language Access Plan to provide meaningful access to those with limited English proficiency
 - Section 3 Plan to encourage job creation for local low-income persons
 - Section 519 provision to prohibit the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within the jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations
 - Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan to ensure no that displacement / relocation of residents occurs during project implementation without public notification and just compensation
 - Anti-displacement and relocation is primarily applicable to housing-related projects, however acquisition of public utility easements on private property also triggers the Uniform Relocation Act (URA)
 - Displacement assistance as necessary will be available

Citizen Comments

- Application materials will be available at Town Hall upon request, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM.
- For additional information or to submit written comments, please contact:
Interim Town Manager Wendy Thompson
1503 NC Hwy 67
Jonesville, NC 28642;
PH: 336-835-3426
wthompson@townofjonesvillenc.com
TDD: (800) 735-2962 or Relay NC 711.
- Comments should be postmarked no later than September 30th and a written response will be made within 10 business days.

Next Steps

- A 2nd Public Hearing with detailed project description, goals, and anticipated outcomes for the specific program(s) being applied for. A Resolution to Apply to the specific program will be adopted, along with designating persons to complete application documents.

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Wendy Thompson at 336-835-3426 or 1503 NC Hwy 67, Jonesville, NC 28642 for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Wendy Thompson al 336-835-3426 o en 1503 NC Hwy 67, Jonesville, NC 28642 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.

A brief description of the project was given as follows:

The Town of Jonesville proposes the construction of a new **multi-use recreation court** that will serve residents of all ages and abilities. This court will provide safe, year-round space for tennis, pickleball, basketball, and volleyball. The project supports healthy lifestyles, encourages community connection, and provides an affordable recreational option for families, seniors, and youth.

The proposed area is the current tennis and basketball courts located at Lila Swaim Park. The suitable use area is 305 feet x 115 feet. This will be a turn-key project.

We open the floor for comments and questions about the CDBG program and about the proposed project.

Council Member Adkins, I am excited about the possibility to upgrade our recreational space for the community so they do not have to travel and will be able to be outside doing what they enjoy more often. Will the court have adequate lighting so it can be used in the evenings throughout the year and after dark in the summer?

Carrie Vestal, resident of 119 Oak Street; Mendy Peles, resident of 325 Spencer Street; Roger Hurd, resident of 125 S. Bridge Street; and resident and business owner Heather Tilley of 301 Swan Creek Bypass spoke in favor of an outdoor multiuse court. Stating courts offer efficient space, lower maintenance cost, and increase use of Park accommodating diverse sports in one area. They spoke in favor of the outdoor recreation without having to travel outside of town, increase of a healthy lifestyle and social engagement for all age ranges. Chief Vestal spoke on public areas which offer safe and secure outdoor recreation are part of the evidence based Police practices and modern crime prevention techniques used as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). CPTED offers a multi-disciplinary approach to crime prevention and reduces victimization. Deters offender decisions, builds a sense of community, and reducing crime.

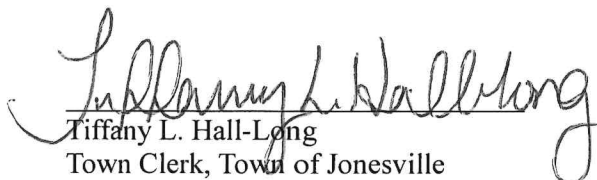
The Public Hearing was then closed by Mayor Pro-Tempore Andy Green. A motion to go into closed session was made by Council Member Adkins with a second by Council Member Wall and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0

A motion was made by Council Member Wall to approve the Agenda for September 18, 2025 as presented with a second by Council Member Tilley and approved by unanimous vote. 5-0

A motion to go into open session was made by Council Member Adkins with a second by Council Member S. Darnell and approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Review of a Memorandum of Understanding regarding economic development opportunities in the Town of Jonesville was discussed between the Council and staff. A motion was made to authorize Town Manager to negotiate and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Yadkin County Economic Development regarding incentives was made by Council Member Green with a second by Council Wall and approved by unanimous vote. 5-0

Council Member S. Darnell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Wall, and it was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.


Tiffany L. Hall-Long
Town Clerk, Town of Jonesville


Andy Green
Mayor Pro-Tempore, Town of Jonesville