

**CITY OF HAVILAND**  
**Public Hearing Special Meeting**  
**Thursday March 5, 2026**  
**Community Room at City Hall - 6:00pm**

**I: Call Public Hearing to Order**

The Haviland City Council in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Brad Lingafelter opened the hearing at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Dylan Palmer, Dwayne Bryan, Shelly Barber, Bryce Kendall & Kay Unruh. Also present were Michelle Adams-City Clerk, Chay Howard-Attorney, Wes Adams-Public Works/Operator. Public present was Nathan James.

**II: Public Hearing-Community Development Block Grant Summary**

The notice for the Public Hearing was published in the Tri-County Tribune on February 27, 2026 posted at Haviland City Hall, the Haviland Post Office, Bank of Haviland, the city website: havilandks.gov. & emailed to the citizens.

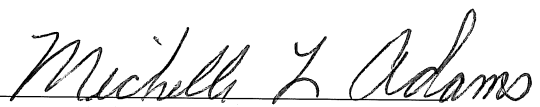
The notice for the public hearing informed the public of the intent to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for the City of Haviland's Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements and Sewer Collection System Improvements Project. The notice stated the city will be adding a 10.9-acre third lagoon, removing sludge from the existing lagoons, re-piping the lagoons for in-series operation, and demolishing existing structures no longer in operation. It also stated the city will be adding alarm features, replacing pumps and generator at the lift station, adding an automated screening system, radar sensors to monitor wet wells and replacing a spare pump. The estimated project cost is \$5,652,925 and the city is requesting a grant from CDBG in the amount of \$711,425.

The mayor opened the public hearing on the city's intent to apply for a CDBG grant for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements and Sewer Collection System Improvements Project. Wes Adams-Operator, discussed the plans, the requirements of KDHE & showed some drawings from the engineers for the wastewater project. During the meeting Wes began with telling everyone that for several years the City has been out of compliance with our wastewater discharge permit and has exceeded the limits of BOD and TSS which prompted KDHE to put the City under a consent order to build a third lagoon to achieve 150-day detention times. Wes explained that when he took over, the city originally had a different engineering firm that had proposed a project that would add curtains and aeration to the primary lagoon and divide the secondary lagoon into two different lagoons. They were also going to change the flow direction of some sewers and make a new force main from the lift station to the WWTP, abandoning the current gravity flow and forced main. This was going to cost roughly the same amount of money, would not gain any volume, in fact we'd lose volume and the maintenance costs would be astronomical. The city subsequently chose and hired a new engineering firm and they explained the 3 options we were presented by the new engineer. We had the option of putting in a third lagoon and also a wetland

area or build a third lagoon and contract with a landowner to use a pivot for irrigation or build a larger third non-discharging lagoon. The city chose to go with the non-discharge, larger third cell which would require less maintenance costs and qualify the city for 60% loan forgiveness in the event we need to use the SRF loan. Wes explained that we are applying for a CDBG grant for \$711,425 with a \$35,000 match if we are awarded the CDBG grant. If awarded the grant the city will have additionally to pay grant administrator \$55,000 and perform an environmental assessment for approximately \$15,000 that will come out of the grant funds. This will bring the project total to \$5,652,925. We have already secured a Small Town Grant in the amount of \$2,136,875 and have applied for the HB2302 grant in the amount of \$2,769,625 and we are waiting for the results of that award.

The mayor inquired if the public had any questions. There was only one member of the public, Nathan James, who asked two questions: if a partial grant amount could be awarded? How will the project be funded if the city doesn't get the CDBG grant. Nathan was informed that yes, the city could get awarded a partial amount, all of it or none of it. Nathan was informed if the city doesn't get the grant, the city has applied for an SRF Loan for the remainder of the project costs. The mayor and council discussed that the city plans to use the sewer funds collected over recent years to pay for the loan and considered and discussed options on how to best raise the rates or the mill levy, if needed to pay for the loan. The mayor inquired if there were any more questions. No further questions were asked. Shelly made a motion to approve Resolution #141- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HAVILAND, KANSAS, ASSURING THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE THAT FUNDS WILL BE CONTINUALLY PROVIDED FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SYSTEM TO BE FINANCED WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS and Kay seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Bryce made a motion to approve Resolution #142-RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HAVILAND, KANSAS, CERTIFYING LEGAL AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR THE 2026 KANSAS SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT SUCH AN APPLICATION and Dewayne seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Dylan made a motion to approve the grant administrator contract from Governmental Assistance Services/Western Consultants and Shelly seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Lingafelter asked for a motion to adjourn the public hearing meeting. Dylan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33pm and Dewayne seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

  
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Mayor Brad Lingafelter

  
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Attest: Michelle Adams-City Clerk

