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BOARDMAN SPONSORS GRANT APPLICATION FOR MIGRANT HEAD START SCHOOL

During their October 7, 2014 council meeting, Boardman City Councilors approved sponsoring an application for the State of Oregon Community Block Grant for the construction of a new Migrant Head Start School in Boardman. Representatives from Community and Shelter Assistance Corporation (CASA) and Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC) came to the council meeting to ask for their approval.

Mr. Rod Walker of OCDC said currently they operate two pre-schools in Umatilla County. There are about 60 students from Boardman who are being bused from Boardman to Hermiston for those programs. They would like to construct an 8000 sq. ft. building to expand services to migrant families in Boardman. The funding stream for the grant serves children and families of farm workers. When asked about how it would affect the current Head Start Program in Boardman, Mr. Walker said it would complement their program.

When asked about when the project would begin, Mr. Walker said they hope to have the grant application in on time to apply by the end of the year. If they are successful they hope to begin construction by the middle of next year. Mr. Walker said they just made an offer on property on Kinkade Road, adjacent to the Boardman City Hall for the school building.

In other city business, the councilors approved the final plat for easements, streets and utilities for the Tuscany Subdivision on S. Main Street. The Council also approved cash prizes for next year's "If I Were Mayor" Contest for grades 4 through 12 who create posters, essays, and digital media presentations exhibiting what they would do if they were mayor.

The next meeting of the Boardman City Council will be Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 7pm at Boardman City Hall.

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