

Camden Point City Council

Congressman Sam Graves
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Dear Congressman,

Thank-you very much for your interest in the Camden Point Sewer Project. This project was approved by the citizens of Camden Point in 2011.

The city has run into many road blocks since the process started. The original architect firm sold out to a firm by the name of Lamp Rynearson.

In the Fall, 2019 we began the process of collecting the easements from the property owners. The original cost of the whole project was supposed to be in the neighborhood of \$4.4 million.

January, 2020, Lamp Rynearson switched the architect on the project to someone else. It looked like in April, 2020 we were ready to go to bid on the project. At that time we were informed by the new architect that the cost of the project had risen from \$4.4 million to \$5.8 million.

We went to bid the summer of 2020 and the lowest bid on the project was \$6.8 million. Lamp Rynearson and USDA have worked back and forth at cost cutting since then without yet affecting the operation of the sewer system. USDA and Lamp Rynearson have come to an agreement on a plan that will work in Camden Point. The city has been told we need to have an additional \$2.25 million in place before we can go to bid, and with the cost of inflation we will still need more money to help finish the project.

The money that has been secured thus far for the project includes the following:

1. Original obligated USDA Loan and Grant, with a loan of \$2,532,000 and a grant of \$1,758,400 for a total of approximately \$4.29 million dollars.
2. CDBG Grant of \$500,000.

This makes the of approximately \$4.8 million dollars available for construction of the project.

The cost of an average sewer bill in Camden Point is going to be between \$90.00 and \$100.00 per month. The original installation of the system is figured into that bill, so the cost up front to the home owners will not be so expensive. There are several citizens that would not be able to afford to pay for the installation of the system otherwise. Therefore, it is so important we find as much money as we can not to increase the cost to the homeowners.

Congressman I cannot stress how important it is to find the money to get this project finished in our community. Several sewer systems are failing each year and this is quite evident on a drive through town on the right day. Also the Platte County Health Department has worked with the city and North Platte School district in order to keep the Elementary School open until we get a system in place. As long as we are moving forward the Health Department will continue to work with the School. And finally with a sewer system in place there will be a great opportunity for growth in our town and school district.

Sincerely,

Roger Giger
Alderman of Camden Point