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*Happy Holidays*

**Holiday hours:**  
**Closed** Monday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Closed** Tuesday Dec 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Open** Wednesday Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am - 12 noon  
**Closed** Thursday Dec 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Open** Wednesday Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am - 12 noon  
**Closed** Monday Jan 1st

December 2017

## With a Public Hearing to talk about the new Community Center set for Monday, December 18th at 7 PM in the Visitors Center, the Council would like to provide you with some information.

**Q: Does the City still have insurance money to pay for a new building?**

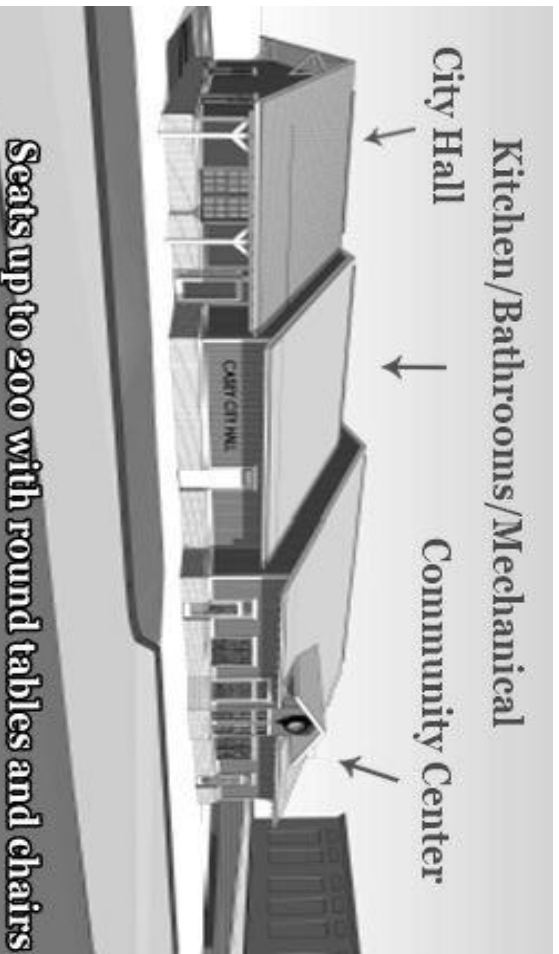
A: Yes. To date, we have already been paid around \$300,000, with another \$700,000 or so up for grabs, leaving us with a combined total of around \$1,000,000 in insurance money left to use once we start the construction phase. Our calculations approximate it at **\$997,614.58**. Please keep in mind that according to the policy, this money can **only** be used on the building and **not** on anything else. Any money that we do not spend **cannot** be collected in a payout.

**Q: How much will the new building cost?**

A: The estimate our Architects gave us was just over \$1 Million at \$1,064,443, though the only way to know for sure how much the building will cost is to put it out for bid and see what construction companies will charge us to build it. If this estimate turns out to be pretty accurate, we will have fulfilled our campaign goal of designing a building that was cheaper than the lowest bid the two-story design we inherited from the previous council received, which was \$1,658,000 (the highest bid being \$2,024,574), saving the city an estimated \$500,000 with our design (after factoring in and rounding high on any additional expenses to get us to this point). There isn't a whole lot more that we can do to reduce its cost because the building is as simplistic as we can make it, but it is a significant step in the right direction to go from being an estimated \$600,000 over budget to being only \$64,000 over budget, leaving far greater possibility to stay around our budget. In the end, though, we won't know the final price until we open bids on January 23, 2018.

**Q: What will happen at this Public Hearing?**

A: This Public Hearing will allow everyone to view the drawings and schematics of our proposed Community Center / City Hall building before we decide if we want to send the designs out for bid. Having this hearing will hopefully allow everyone who wasn't able to attend our past public design meetings get caught up on the steps we've taken to design this building and have their questions answered.



*For those of you who cannot attend, we have provided a photo of the new "train depot" design.*

*You can find more information at City Hall or on our website at [www.cityofcasevia.com](http://www.cityofcasevia.com)*