

Elk Motel owner addresses Boone Council

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While it was too late for a spot on the agenda, Floyd Garrison, owner of the Elk Motel appealed to Boone Town Council for a second time last night during the public comments portion of the meeting.

The Elk Motel is in sewage distress, he says- and he doesn't know how much time it has until complete sewage failure. Garrison wants to connect to the Town of Boone's sewers- but doing so is pricey.

Originally, Garrison appealed to the Town for funding, and was promised one third of the cost- if the County would provide another third. At this week's County Commission meeting, the County said it would agree- if the Town of Boone helps it out with another affordable project. Garrison said he feels like a "political football." He understands it's how the system works- but says time is running out.

He is encouraged, however, by the community.

Garrison says he has been inundated with calls from well-wishers.

According to Garrison, the hotel is more than a private business- it is a mission- offering affordable housing to low-income residents.

The issue will be on the agenda at the next Boone Town Council meeting.