

NASHVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Council members present – President Charles B. King, Vice-President Jane Gore and Councilmember Alisha Gredy. Council members not present – Councilmember Arthur Omberg and Councilmember Dave Rudd. Also in attendance – Town Manager Scott Rudd, Town Utility Manager Sean Cassiday, Administration Manager Phyllis Carr, Town Attorney Andy Szakaly, Police Chief Ben Seastrom and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Ferry.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – 6:30pm

1) **CALL TO ORDER** by Councilmember King at 6:30pm.

2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President King asked all in attendance to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) **ROLL CALL** by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Ferry.

4) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President King advised they will add Big Woods right of way request to the agenda. There were no further changes to the agenda.

5) **NOTES TO NOTE**

President King reminded people to clean up after their dogs. He also noted that the motoring public appears to have a total disregard for people in crosswalks. When people are in crosswalks vehicles are supposed to stop and allow them to cross.

6) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – 7-21-16 MEETING, 7-28-16 MEETING, 7-28-16 EXECUTIVE SESSION, 8-11-16 EXECUTIVE SESSION AND 7-07-16 WORK SESSION**

Councilmember Gredy moved to approve the minutes of 7-21-16 meeting, 7-28-16 meeting, 7-28-16 Executive Session, 8-11-16 Executive Session and 7-07-16 Work Session. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

7) **CLAIMS**

Vice-President Gore advised that she reviewed the claims that are before the Council. Councilmember Gredy made a motion to approve the claims for the period of 7-15-16 through 7-31-16 and for the period of 8-01-16 through 8-11-16. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

8) **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Written

Mark Threehawks spoke about the culvert on Heimburger Lane. When they received a substantial amount of rain the other day the creek was about to breach it's banks. Last July his house in this area flooded and he believes it is because the culvert in this area is too small. Mr. Threehawks reported the culvert was replaced by Town Superintendent Bush during his tenure but he did not install a larger culvert. He is afraid that his property will flood again if something is not done to fix the problem. Mr. Threehawks and Utility Manager Cassiday agree that the culvert should be replaced with a larger one but he is concerned it won't be done in a timely manner. Utility Manager Cassiday explained they have already depleted the funds in this line item this year but will need to look at next year's budget. Discussion. Utility Manager Cassiday will have an engineer look at it and make a plan. President King advised the culvert will be addressed.

B. Audience

None presented.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS

1) BROWN COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

BCVFD Chief Micah Fox asked where they are at with the Fire Territory. Town Attorney Szakaly advised the Town Council must pass a resolution or ordinance that says they are going to form a territory. He is not sure where the Council stands at this time in making an official act as this is a big step. President King will check with people to see where things stand.

BCVFD Chief Fox reported all the trucks are running pretty good. They are still struggling for volunteers and need help for the fish tent the last weekend of September and all weekends of October.

2) PARKING AND PUBLIC FACILITIES REPORT

• UPDATE ON VILLAGE GREEN RESTROOMS 27 S. JEFFERSON STREET

Parking and Public Facilities Commission President Lamond Martin reported the new signs are going up on the new facility now. All the other miscellaneous signage has already been installed. The painting of the ceilings is currently being done. The rocking chairs have been delivered for the Mother's Room but the chairs need to be assembled.

Town Manager Rudd found photographs of what the benches used to look like when the building was the Town's library. PPFC President Martin advised they will be ordering four of these benches to go in the front room. He also reported that they are securing the barn addition and will be installing a gate around the gas meters.

PPFC President Martin advised the Commission is recommending the restroom attendant be given an increase of \$50 per week for the remainder of the year for the extra work she did while the Antique Alley and Village Green Restrooms were both opened. Councilmember Gredy made a motion to approve the additional \$50 weekly increase for the rest of the year. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

PPFC President Martin reported the resealing and stripping of the Washington Street parking lot is done. President King commented that the parking lot looks good.

PPFC President Martin advised the CVB plans to have an information booth in the restrooms has been rescinded. He has talked with the Arts and Entertainment Commission about getting art work put in the restrooms soon.

President King asked about the path from the Washington Street parking lot to Town now that they added the crosswalk on Johnson Street. PPFC President Martin hasn't noticed any different traffic and plans to put up a sign directing pedestrians into town.

3) ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Arts and Entertainment Commission President Cathy Martin commented that every time she calls Town Hall everyone is so polite and helpful and she really appreciates this as a citizen very much. She reminded the Council and audience that the next Pavilion concert will be this Saturday.

4) DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMISSION REPORT

Administration Manager Carr reported the DRC met last Tuesday and two signs were approved; two COA's and one sign were also approved in-house.

She presented the Indiana Landmarks renewal agreement for professional services from July 2016 through June 2017. The price of the agreement is the same as last year, \$4,000. Vice-President Gore made a motion to approve the renewal agreement for professional services. Councilmember Gredy seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

5) REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REPORT

Town Manager Rudd advised there is a Council spot open on the Redevelopment Commission. Vice-President Gore is interested in taking this spot but wants to give up her seat on the Solid Waste board. Councilmember Gredy will look at her schedule to see if she can take on the Solid Waste board appointment. The Council agreed to address this at the next Council meeting.

6) CLEAN COMMUNITY REPORT

Utility Manager Cassidy advised he will be setting up a meeting soon.

7) ANY OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS OR COMMENTS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Nothing further presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1) DNR UPDATE – PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR – CHRIS RITZMAN

Brown County Planning and Zoning Director Chris Ritzman addressed the Council and advised her deadline of December 8, 2016 to adopt the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps and also Floodplain Ordinance. She explained the Attorney for Planning and Zoning drafted the Floodplain Ordinance based on the state model and tailored it to the existing Town ordinance. President King asked that the Council have time to review the document and will take the information under advisement. BCPZ Director Ritzman would like to have a Public Hearing on the Town Flood Plain Ordinance and the County Flood Plain Ordinance at the Area Plan Commission meeting on September 23, 2016.

President King reported someone illegally put up yard signs for loans. His concern was the amount of time it took for the signs to be removed after they had been reported. He asked if there is any way they can authorize the police to remove the signs. BCPZ Director Ritzman advised that the police may remove the signs. Administration Manager Carr reported that the Zoning Inspector removed the signs. President King believes they should store the illegal signs at Town Hall for 30 days and if the owners do not pick up the signs they can throw them away.

2) REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF THE ARTS ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY – ANNE ELLIS MCCOMBE

Anne Ellis-McCombe reported that she interned for the Arts and Entertainment Commission over the summer. She looked into the impact of the arts on the local economy and explained how she collected data. The three surveys (of approximately 100 people) Intern Ellis gleaned the following information:

- visitors mostly stayed 2-3 nights
- visitors mostly come from Central Indiana and Kentucky
- visitors attending the Fingerstyle competition came to town specifically for this event
- 40% of visitors came for the art and artisans shops

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- 13% of visitors came only for recreation
- \$307 per person spent while in town (includes overnight stay)
- 145 businesses in Nashville are related to arts and entertainment
- 486 jobs are supported by arts and entertainment within a five mile radius of the town
- surplus of money coming into the area: clothing, clothing accessories, furniture, home furnishings, miscellaneous store retailers (arts/artisans type goods, specialty food stores, jewelry, leather goods)
- leakage of money leaving the area: automobile items

The Council thanked Ms. Ellis-McCombe for her insightful presentation. Town Manager Rudd thanked Ms. McCoumbe for her work and really good product for the Town.

3) ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Robert Vernon and Lucinda David, owners of the property behind the Subway at the end of Jefferson Street, addressed the Council. They explained they made an initial proposal to the Town to purchase the property and they haven't heard much back. Town Attorney Szakaly advised he sent an email to them three days ago but the property owners reported they had not seen the email. Town Attorney Szakaly explained at this time the Town Council does not have the funds to meet their request. Since the current owners want this property to remain a park, one option would be for the Town to lease the property and keep it as it is for a period of time. While it is being leased, the property owners could attempt to sell the property for the price they are asking. In the meantime, the Town could continue to try to find funding and would like the first right of refusal to purchase the property. Discussion. Town Attorney Szakaly will resend the email to Mr. Vernon and Ms. David.

REPORTS

1) CLERK-TREASURER – BRENDA YOUNG

A. BUDGET PROCESS UPDATE

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Ferry had nothing further to report.

2) TOWN MANAGER/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR – SCOTT RUDD

A. THREE YEAR PLAN – COMMUNITY READINESS INITIATIVE SURVEY

Town Manager Rudd advised they need all the Council members to complete the Community Readiness Initiative Surveys. He offered to help them complete the surveys if needed.

B. BUDGET UPDATE

Town Manager Rudd reported they have been discussing how the budget will fall for the rest of the year. They have also discussed possibly bringing on a financial planner to help them look further into the future to accomplish bigger picture things such as property purchases.

C. FIBER OPTIC HIGH SPEED INTERNET – SMITHVILLE

Town Manager Rudd advised the fiber installation at Town Hall is underway and hope to be live in the next week or two. This should increase their internet speed by ten times.

D. REFINANCING LOANS

Town Manager Rudd reported at their Joint meeting, Roger Kelso suggested the Town look at refinancing some of their loans as there are really low interest rates available. Town Manager Rudd has contacted Peoples Bank and they may have a couple of loans that might make sense to refinance.

3) UTILITY MANAGER – SEAN CASSIDAY

A. INDOT GRANT UPDATE

Utility Manager Cassidy presented a spreadsheet with the newly revised order of roads to be paved that was submitted to INDOT two weeks ago. He hopes to hear back by the end of August if they receive the grant.

B. WATER CIP PER REVISION

Utility Manager Cassidy advised they are resubmitting an application for the Water CIP grant. A public hearing regarding the intent to submit an application was held on Monday, August 15, 2016 at Town Hall. Deb Lilly of ARa has submitted the letter of intent to OCRA and they are working on fine tuning the application that is to be submitted in October.

4) ADMINISTRATION MANAGER – PHYLLIS CARR

A. RIGHT OF WAY REQUESTS

• BIG WOODS BREWERY

Administration Manager Carr presented a right of way request for Big Woods Brewery for their Quafftoberfest on Saturday, September 24, 2016. They would like the small section of Molly's Lane to be closed from 11am to 11pm. She noted Big Woods sent letters to the property owners in the area and gave her a copy of the letter and the certificate of mailings.

Vice-President Gore made a motion to approve the right of way request for Big Woods Brewery. Councilmember Gredy seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

• OLD SETTLERS DAY

Administration Manager Carr presented a right of way request for Old Settler's Day events on Saturday, September 24, 2016. The request is to close the small section of East Gould from Locust Lane to Buck Stogsdill Way from 8am to 5pm.

Councilmember Gredy made a motion to approve the right of way request for Old Settler's Day. Vice-President King seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

B. VILLAGE GREEN REVITALIZATION PROJECT UPDATE

Administration Manager Carr advised the grant paperwork has been sent to the State for their signatures. The committee had a meeting yesterday and a press release will be coming out requesting ideas for the interior of the restrooms. The committee is going to redraft the RFP to include two interactive panels for safety and living things, plants or animals for play elements. Town Manager Rudd updated the Village Green committee about the Village Green Restroom work and the sidewalks, moving the electric boxes and grading.

C. FIRE HYDRANT INVENTORY

Administration Manager Carr reported they have inspected sixty-two hydrants.

D. STREET SIGN UPDATE

Administration Manager Carr advised some street signs have been removed or relocated. The new signs are in and they will start doing line locations so they can be installed next week.

5) POLICE CHIEF – BEN SEASTROM

A. PERF PLAN

Police Chief Seastrom asked the Council where they stand on the PERF discussion they had earlier this month. President King said he is open to meeting with the Nashville Metropolitan Police Merit Commission on this topic. The Council scheduled a joint meeting with the Merit Commission for Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 7pm. President King asked Town Attorney Szakaly to attend the meeting as well.

B. CAR WASH

Police Chief Seastrom advised a representative of the car wash next door to the department has asked if the Town would be willing to enter into a long term lease agreement for an easement to create a driveway to the back of the Police Department. They are asking for one dollar a year to have the easement. Town Attorney Szakaly will look at any agreement that is presented regarding this issue.

C. SIGNS

Police Chief Seastrom asked the Council what signs they want picked up by the department. President King would like to see off premise business signs in town removed. Town Attorney Szakaly advised the US Supreme Court has made a big ruling in the last year about whether and how you can talk about sign restrictions with regard to equal protection, etcetera. He doesn't believe they can pick and choose what signs are removed and which ones can stay. Vice-President Gore reported the Area Plan Commission is in the process of revising the sign ordinance. County Commissioner Diana Biddle suggested Police Chief Seastrom get a copy of the county sign ordinance for guidance. Discussion.

6) TOWN ATTORNEY – ANDY SZAKALY

A. CIRCUIT COURT

Town Attorney Szakaly advised they have already passed the Pretrial Diversion Ordinance. The Council now needs to decide what sort of fines they want for their moving traffic violations, etcetera. Police Chief Seastrom will have the fine amounts to the Council soon.

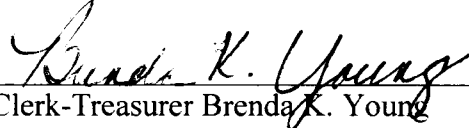
7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL


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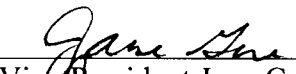
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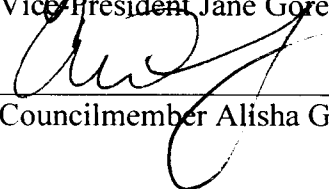
Vice-President Gore moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Gredy seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. President King adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.

The audio recording made at the Town Council meeting on 8-18-16 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.


Clerk-Treasurer Brenda K. Young

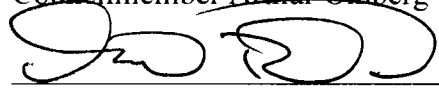

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