

NASHVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007

ATTENDANCE – Council members present - Vice-President Robert Kirlin, Councilmember Dale Cassiday, Councilmember Charles B. King and Councilmember Arthur Omberg. Council members not present –President Roger Kelso. Also in attendance –Town Superintendent Roger Bush, Chief Administrator Phyllis Carr and Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young.

1) CALL TO ORDER by Vice-President Kirlin at 6:30pm

2) ROLL CALL – by Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young

3) SEWER EXPANSION PROJECT

Vice-President Kirlin explained the meeting tonight is to talk about the sewer expansion project in the Orchard Hill and Coffey Hill areas. Lisa Westenberger with ARA (a grant company from Columbus, IN) is also present to speak with the Council and town residents.

Lisa Westenberger passed out a very preliminary timetable for the Nashville Sewer Project. There are many variables in the beginning of the funding stages. There is about a \$15,000 grant from the Rural Development for a PER (preliminary engineering report). This would be the first thing they would need to do, and she recommends applying for this funding if they are ready to move forward. The PER can range in cost from \$15,000 to \$30,000. The town will have to pay at least 25% of the PER. A rate study is also a requirement for when they go to construction and the cost of that could be \$5,000 - \$10,000. The town would have to come up with \$25,000 to get the project started.

Vice-President Kirlin asked if they did come up with the \$25,000, at what point they would have to have the petitions for annexation. Lisa Westenberger replied that they would need these prior to going after the funding for construction, but they would want to make sure that the residents want to have their properties annexed.

Councilmember Omberg asked what kind of funding could they look at possibly getting. Lisa Westenberger suggested they could get up to \$500,000 from the CFF fund; Rural Development does not have grant funds this year for construction and they can continue to look for other grants.

Councilmember Omberg discussed annexation issues such as roads, right-of-ways and police protection. Councilmember Cassiday spoke about problems or reluctance with the annexation remonstrance forms. The forms were written to be open ended, and there is a concern that some sort of end date needs to be addressed. Town Superintendent Bush explained that the form states they will be annexed once the construction begins. Discussion of the wording of the annexation remonstrance form.

A resident asked how long construction would take, Town Superintendent Bush answered it would take 18 months to install the sewers and that is part of the requirement for grant funding.

Discussion of what the tax increase would be and what advantage there is to have in-town water rates as well as sewers.

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Councilmember Omberg clarified the main points that have been brought up this evening: Time and cost of taxation, the open-endedness to the petition and the word unconditional in the form. Vice-President Kirlin said that they need help getting these annexation forms filled out. They will have four meeting dates where residents can come in, sign all the paperwork and a notary will be present at no cost to the resident. The public suggested sending a flyer to the owners of the properties involved rather than just putting an ad or an article in the Democrat in order to get the most participation. The Council agreed to have Chief Administrator Carr write a flyer/letter informing of the meeting dates and times and she will have Town Attorney Roberts review the information. They will then mail it to the homeowners in the Orchard Hill and Coffey Hill areas. A letter to the editor of the Democrat will also be written in order to get the word out about the meetings.

Councilmember Cassiday made a motion to write a letter to the editor after making the proposed letter more concise. Councilmember King seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

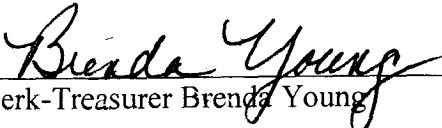
John Kennard of the Health Department spoke about Rose-Hulman doing the Bean Blossom study for \$2000.00 and suggested that the Council look at other alternatives.

Vice-President Kirlin asked that Clerk-Treasurer Young, Town Superintendent Bush and President Kelso meet to discuss funding avenues. He will also get a hold of Town Attorney Roberts to tie the annexation with some event and the use of the word unconditional in the annexation forms. Vice-President Kirlin asked that the sub committee report to Council on February 15, 2007.

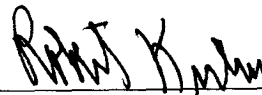
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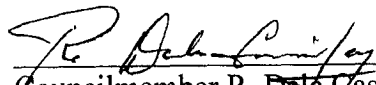
Being no further discussion, Vice-President Kirlin adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

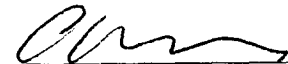
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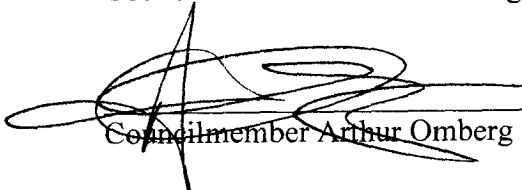

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