

NASHVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2011

ATTENDANCE – Council members present – President Robert Kirlin, Vice-President Charles B. King, Councilmember Jane Gore and Councilmember Arthur Omberg. Council member not present – Councilmember Sean Cassiday. Also in attendance – Town Superintendent Roger Bush and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Ferry.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – 6:30PM

1) **CALL TO ORDER** by President Kirlin at 6:30pm.

2) MEETING WITH SDG REGARDING PLANNING GRANT

Scott Burgins of Strategic Development Group introduced himself and Katharine Puckett of Hannon, Wagner and Kline to the Council. Mr. Burgins explained they will be using a \$50,000 grant with a 10% match from the Town. He passed out information regarding the exact scope of work and noted he refined the scope a bit more based on the last meeting with the Council.

Mr. Burgins went through the four steps outlined in the scope of work: define Nashville's visitors, creating a shared vision, site development and possible arts and cultural center.

Vice-President King commented that the empty sites in town are privately owned and he is not sure they can tell someone what to do on their own property. Councilmember Gore added that parking is limited in these areas as well. Councilmember Omberg commented that parking does not seem as bad as it used to be and if they were to make a parking lot it should be more out of sight, perhaps on Helmsburg Road. Councilmember Omberg believes the Town shouldn't be the one's leading this issue; it should be the business community. Mr. Burgins explained there will be a steering committee that guides them through the process. President Kirlin commented this is a change from what Town government was or is in this community, the Town has never been proactive business. Discussion.

Regarding a shared vision, President Kirlin commented he is interested in finding out why tourists go to other areas of the state versus coming to Brown County and how to get them to come here instead. Councilmember Omberg agreed he would like to see this information as well. Mr. Burgins suggested they could shift this item to research on the perception of Nashville and its branding perception. He believes the town could also widen out the demographic of those coming to Brown County. Discussion.

Speaking of an arts and cultural center, President Kirlin remarked this is the biggest thing that could happen to this community. Councilmember Omberg suggested they could go toward some other activity. President Kirlin explained that the arts are the strength of this community and they should work with it. Discussion. Councilmember Gore commented that when the Opry burnt down it really took away a lot of tourists and President Kirlin added the loss of Ski World has also hurt Brown County.

Mr. Burgins will redo Step 2 and make Step 4 clearer and get a draft to the Council. President Kirlin advised the grant will be finalized March 17, 2011 and asked Mr. Burgins when they can start work. Mr. Burgins explained they could start right away but they probably won't get the planning grant for three months after they sign the paperwork.

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

None presented.

ADJOURNMENT


Councilmember Gore moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice-President King seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by President Kirlin at 7:13pm.

The audio recording made at the Town Council meeting on 2-24-11 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.

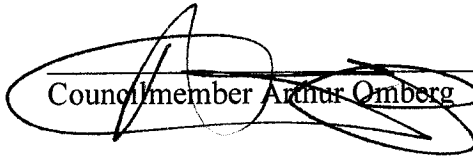

Clerk-Treasurer Brenda K. Young


President Robert Kirlin


Vice-President Charles B. King


Councilmember R. Sean Cassidy


Councilmember Jane Gore


Councilmember Arthur Omberg