

NASHVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009

ATTENDANCE – Council members present – President Roger Kelso, Vice-President Robert Kirlin, Councilmember Dale Cassiday, Councilmember Charles B. King and Councilmember Arthur Omberg. Also in attendance – Town Superintendent Roger Bush, Chief Administrator Phyllis Carr, Town Attorney James Roberts and Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) **CALL TO ORDER** by President Kelso at 6:37pm.

2) PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORCHARD HILL AREA

President Kelso turned the public hearing over to Lisa Westenberger of ARa. She passed around a sign in sheet for those in attendance. Ms. Westenberger explained the public hearing is to get public comment and to answer any questions. The meeting is a requirement for one of the funding sources that the Town is going after which is the Office of Community and Rural Affairs through their Community Focus Fund.

Ms. Westenberger reported documentation has been submitted to Rural Development which is the other funding source and they are waiting to hear back from them. They hope that if they can get all of their ducks in a row with Rural Development or a SRF commitment, they can apply for \$600,000 in OCRA funds. They hope to apply with a proposal going in on January and the full application in March. They need a commitment from Rural Development before they can apply for OCRA funds. If they do not make the March deadline, the next round would be a July proposal with a September full application.

Tony of Strand Engineers advised he spoke with Mike Strahl of Rural Development and the news was not good. Rural Development has not picked up the Town's paperwork from the Statehouse to review it. Vice-President Kirlin asked if there was a time frame if they receive March funding. Ms. Westenberger explained if they get awarded the money from OCRA in June, the town would have to get a release of funds, send it back to the state for signatures which could take up to two months, so they are looking at September or October of 2009 to start the project. Tony with Strand noted the construction dates depend on when they get started with engineering. Rural Development requires the engineering needs to be done and out for bid, and then 90 days from the time they bid it out to close on the loan. Once the loan is closed they can go right into construction and depending on what time of year they start, they would be looking at six months to have all the construction finished. Tony commented the treatment plant project would take six to eight months to complete depending on what time of year they get into construction. The whole project could be finished by 2010 if the funding from Rural Development comes through in March.

Pumping station locations were discussed. Strand will inform the Town as to what easements they will need. Town Attorney Roberts will have to sign off on the easements and then the Town will turn it over to Ms. Westenberger at ARa. President Kelso noted they could get a standard easement form from Rural Development to fill out. Vice-President Kirlin would like to have these easement forms available at the February public hearing. Discussion of easement collection and requirements.

Resident David Rudd asked how they will get easements signed when some residents are out of town in February. President Kelso advised they can work around this issue as long as it is only a few owners.

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Resident David Martin asked what a property owner may do on an easement once an easement is granted. President Kelso commented that generally speaking you cannot build on the easement or within approximately twenty feet of the easement.

Vice-President Kirlin asked how many properties they have in Orchard Hill, Chief Administrator Carr estimated about 81 homes. Vice-President Kirlin asked how many have come in and signed paperwork. Town Superintendent Bush reported eighty-eight percent came in and signed paperwork. They have the mailing list of those that did not sign easements yet. President Kelso directed Town Superintendent Bush and Chief Administrator Carr to go door to door and get these easements signed in order to get them all in by March.

Chief Administrator Carr explained they began the process of recording the easements they received, they found out some of the properties had been sold and some legal descriptions were not correct. Chief Administrator Carr is hoping to have both areas recorded by the February meeting. Council also wants a list of those property owners who have not responded.

President Kelso directed Town Administration to mail notices for the next public hearing and he would also like them to come up with a set of action items and get the information to the Council.

Ms. Westenberger asked for letters of support for the project from those in attendance.

RECESS

A recess was called at 7:08pm until 7:30pm.

3) PUBLIC HEARING FOR COFFEY HILL AREA

President Kelso turned the public hearing over to Lisa Westenberger of ARA. She passed around a sign in sheet for those in attendance. Ms. Westenberger explained the public hearing is to get public comment and to answer any questions they may have. She reported the Town has submitted an application of a preliminary engineering report to Rural Development for a low interest loan for this project. The other part of the package for the project is the Office of Community and Rural Affairs which the Town can get up to \$600,000 in grant funds for the project. One of the requirements is to get public input and make sure the public is in favor of the project.

Ms. Westenberger gave the status update of the project: the Town is waiting to hear back from Rural Development, they are gearing up to apply to OCRA for the \$600,000 grant but they have to get a commitment from Rural Development before they can do that. The Town is going to move forward as though they will get that commitment by March. If they do not get that commitment, they will have to wait until September to reapply. Ms. Westenberger commented if they do get the commitment and get all the easements required they will be applying for March and hopefully get funded and awarded in June. If that timeline does happen, they are looking at early 2010 for construction to begin.

Ms. Westenberger asked if there were any questions. There were no questions from the public. Ms. Westenberger advised they will be having a second public hearing and they will be sending out letters and/or notices to all the residents in hopes they can get a really good turnout. The second public hearing is scheduled for February 10th, 2009 at 6:30pm. Ms. Westenberger added that letters in support of the project are very critical to show the state this project is needed.

President Kelso asked how soon they would need to procure engineering and financial services. Ms. Westenberger advised they will not have to procure engineering services because it will be paid out of

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Rural Development funds. Tony with Strand discussed the breakdown of the funds presented to Rural Development.

President Kelso asked for an estimate of easement acquisition. Tony of Strand noted that Town Superintendent Bush had already asked him to get a scope of services drawn up and to include a schedule with time frames.

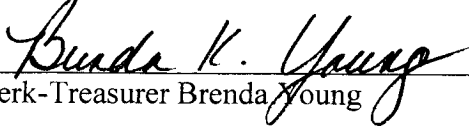
Vice-President Kirlin asked about the income survey that is being conducted. Town Superintendent Bush explained this is an OCRA requirement. The survey is to be completed by the middle of February.

Ms. Westenberger will run the legal ad in the newspaper regarding the February public hearings.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Kelso at 7:44pm.

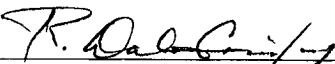
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Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young


President Roger Kelso



Vice-President Robert Kirlin



Councilmember R. Dale Cassidy



Councilmember Charles B. King

Councilmember Arthur Omberg