

NASHVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007

ATTENDANCE – Council members present - President Roger Kelso, Councilmember Dale Cassiday, Councilmember Charles B. King (left the meeting at 7:45pm) and Councilmember Arthur Omberg. Absent – Vice-President Robert Kirlin. Also in attendance – Town Superintendent Roger Bush, Chief Administrator Phyllis Carr, Town Marshal Jack Dorsett, Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Ferry.

2007 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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

2) 2007 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

President Kelso explained that the Department Heads are to present recommendations for cutting the 2007 budget. Clerk-Treasurer Young began the discussion by describing the new print style of the monthly reports and the Budget Tool that Town Superintendent Bush created. Clerk-Treasurer Young and Town Superintendent Bush have estimated what the operating costs will be by the end of the year based on the first four months of this year. She explained that to balance the 2007 budget it will take a cut of \$160,000 to be divided between the General and Mvh funds. The Council had already committed to use \$83,000.00 from the EDIT Fund to balance the General Fund for 2007; thus leaving \$17,000 still to be cut from the General Fund and around \$60,000 to be cut from the MVH Fund. She explained the good news that while the Council was creating the 2007 Budget last year the General Fund was cut down to \$440,000.00 for 2007; knowing they would not receive \$540,000.00 based on what was received in 2005. Discussion of how the Brown County reassessment has created problems for the Town's budget, as well as, not receiving the Budget order from the State in a timely fashion.

Clerk-Treasurer Young read aloud the Council approved budgets from those previous years and the State approved Budget Orders for those same years. She advised that the town did not receive the official budget orders until after the fact and the budgets had been spent. During this drawn out reassessment process, the Town's assessed value decreased 10 million dollars over a period of four years. The Town has had to make budget cuts to be able to balance the budget.

Clerk-Treasurer Young suggested that after looking at history, if the trend stays the way it is, then hopefully 2008 will be similar with 2007. The problem is that operating the Town's General Fund with a budget around \$441,000.00 is difficult when we are at bare bones now. Councilmember Cassiday asked what services they would be cutting. Clerk-Treasurer Young said they have taken down the budget as far as they could, but there will still be problems if equipment breaks down or other emergencies come up. Discussion of options in reducing the budget. President Kelso went over some proposed changes in the allocation of certain budget line items.

Town Superintendent Bush explained how he has made proposed cuts to the MVH Fund such as cutting the resurfacing program by one third and using monies out of the Local Roads and Streets Fund. He cut the monies in New Equipment down to what the cost is for the two new trucks they are currently purchasing, cut out equipment rental, miscellaneous materials and supplies, stone/gravel, sewer tile, street signs. As to overtime, he has had to increase it due to being short-handed; they are short one staff

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person (Plant Operator A) and their Administrative Assistant has resigned and will be leaving next week.

President Kelso went over some proposed changes in the allocation of certain budget items. The Council went through the proposed changes line item by line item discussing the issues with Town Superintendent Bush and Clerk-Treasurer Young.

Clerk-Treasurer Young read the rules of how to use the Local Roads and Streets Fund, and Council asked to put the remainder of Tree Maintenance line item and the Sidewalk Program line item into this fund. Clerk-Treasurer Young will speak with Charlie Pride of State Board of Accounts as to the legal use of Local Roads and Streets Fund and then get a written opinion from Town Attorney Roberts.

The Council suggested cutting their Council salaries by \$1,000.00. Clerk-Treasurer Young said that they cannot just cut their salaries, but they can write a letter stating that each Councilmember is refusing to take \$200.00 of their salary for the year. This would allow for Clerk-Treasurer Young to withhold \$200.00 from each Councilmember for the year. The Town Attorney will write up a letter for each Councilmember to sign.

After going through the General and Mvh budgets the Council suggested continuing to freeze the hiring of the positions of Deputy Marshal and Administrative Assistant that are currently open.

Clerk-Treasurer Young suggested that the Council not actually cut the General and Mvh budgets, but rather redistribute the line items. She would like to see if there will be an approved 2007 budget before the end of 2007. She explained that the Council will have to apply for an additional appropriation for the Edit and Local Roads and Streets Funds.

The Council asked Town Superintendent Bush to go through the Water and Sewer Budgets and reallocate the line items as discussed this evening.

Clerk-Treasurer Young asked the Council what preference they may have for appropriating line items from the General Fund to the EDIT Funds. Council responded by saying this is a technical call and for her and Town Superintendent Bush to complete.

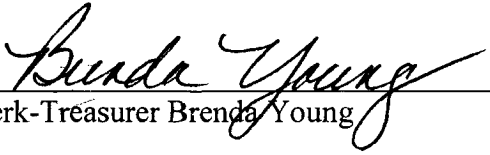
Councilmember Cassidy made a motion to postpone the other agenda items until the next Council meeting. Marshal Dorsett would like to do the vehicle disposal agenda now because he has two used police vehicles ready to sell. Councilmember Cassidy withdrew his motion. President Kelso confirmed with Marshal Dorsett the vehicle price of \$500.00 a piece. One vehicle is a 1994 Crown Vic and the other is a 1997 Crown Vic and each are approaching 200,000 miles. Councilmember Cassidy then made a motion to accept the bids of \$500.00 for the two vehicles. Councilmember Omberg seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

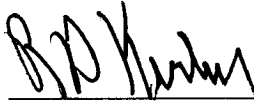
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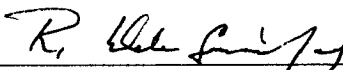
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Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young


President Roger Kelso



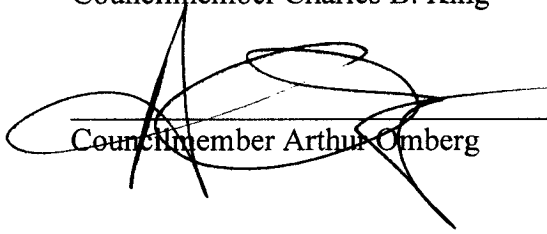
Vice-President Robert Kirlin



Councilmember R. Dale Cassidy



Councilmember Charles B. King



Councilmember Arthur Omberg