

## **NASHVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2009**

**ATTENDANCE** – Council members present – President Roger Kelso, Vice-President Robert Kirlin and Councilmember Charles B. King. Council members not present – Councilmember Dale Cassidy and Councilmember Arthur Omberg. Also in attendance – Town Superintendent Roger Bush, Chief Administrator Phyllis Carr, Interim Town Marshal Stephanie Loerzel, Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young, Tony Akles of Strand Engineers and Administrative Resources (ARa) Grant Administrator Lisa Westenberger.

### **WORK SESSION**

**1) CALL TO ORDER** by President Kelso at 6:45pm.

#### **2) 2010 BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Vice-President Kirlin asked about scenario C in the rate study where it appears the rate increase would be 42.3%. Mr. Akles explained with grant monies, that rate would come down but he was unable to say how much it would come down. Discussion.

Town Superintendent Bush noted they need to set up a meeting to select a firm for the storm water project as they did get the DR2 funding. The scoring sheets have been done and they need to interview at least two firms. He would like to do the interviews on Monday or Tuesday next week if possible. President Kelso explained they will invite the top two scorers and if one declines they will invite the third place scorer. Strand Engineers and DLZ were the top scorers. Council scheduled the interviews for Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7pm. Ms. Westenberger will inform the two firms of the interview date and time. She will also e-mail the project budget to Clerk-Treasurer Young who will then forward the information to the Council.

Vice-President Kirlin asked for clarification of the project area. Town Superintendent Bush explained the work will start at the end of Jefferson Street, goes across Washington Street and goes up Johnson Street.

Clerk-Treasurer Young passed out a 2010 budget draft and the actual budget that was approved by the State in 2008 to the Council. She explained the Budget Order for 2008 was sent to the Town in July 2009 and it shows the rate was reduced about \$40,000. Since they padded the budget in Building Maintenance, New Equipment and MVH they did not go over the budget for 2008. If they had gone over the budget they would have had to deduct that amount for 2009. Clerk-Treasurer Young explained the cuts they will need to make for 2009 most of the cut will come out of the General Fund. Next year they will have to shift this cut to the MVH fund. Discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Young reviewed the draft of the 2010 budget with the Council. She noted she has not included the water and sewer budgets at this point since the Council has to make several decisions and they do not have the feasibility study yet. Clerk-Treasurer Young explained how she put the draft budget together and she has not put any new positions in the budget at this point. She does not foresee a big change in the assessment of the town from last year to this year.

President Kelso suggested they start the annexation process of Coffey Hill and Orchard Hill areas. Town Superintendent Bush reported they will have to get this done by November at the latest for the sewer expansion. Discussion.

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Clerk-Treasurer Young summarized the bottom line of the budget draft, there is only so much money, there is a property tax cap, and she suggests the Council advertise basically the same amount as they did in 2009.

President Kelso asked what is the proposed personnel plan for the police department since they have received the COPS grant for an additional officer. Interim Town Marshal Loerzel advised what she would like to do is to fill Officer Long's position by putting Officer Robinson in that full time position and then put the sixth person from the grant. That would put them with six full time officers which would allow for double coverage during the busiest times. Discussion. Vice-President Kirlin asked Interim Town Marshal Loerzel to make a presentation to the Council at the next regular meeting regarding the proposed position changes and including the benefits.

Council asked if the COPS grant covers the uniform and other necessary equipment. Interim Town Marshal Loerzel advised the grant does not include uniforms, weapons or vests, it only includes the salary. Vice-President Kirlin questioned where those funds would come from. Clerk-Treasurer Young suggested the Council look at using some of the LOIT funds. Discussion. President Kelso asked how much money they will need for the new officer. Interim Town Marshal Loerzel advised she would need about \$5,500 for the uniform and all equipment. President Kelso asked Interim Town Marshal Loerzel to bring a request to the Council at the next regular meeting to use LOIT funds for the new officer.

President Kelso asked what has been spent out of Local Roads and Streets funds this year. Clerk-Treasurer Young reported this year they have spent \$1,750. At the end of July of this year the Town has \$26,320.93 left in this fund.

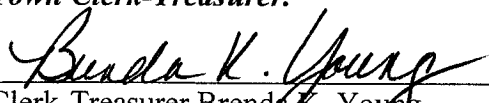
President Kelso asked if there is a current inventory on the sidewalks and any kind of grading on them. He is wondering if they should use some of the Local Roads and Streets monies to repair some sidewalks. Town Superintendent Bush will have an inventory to the Town Council by the next regular meeting.

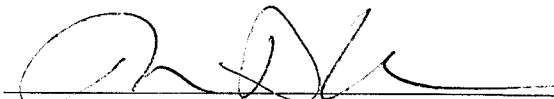
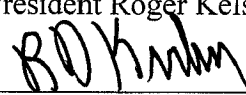
President Kelso asked if Mitchell and Stark have started their work yet at Freeman Ridge. Town Superintendent Bush reported they already have the line all the way across and they were scheduled to install the tap on Tuesday but the storm did not allow that to happen. He is expecting all the work to be completed by the end of August.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned by President Kelso at 8:05pm.

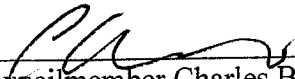
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Clerk-Treasurer Brenda K. Young

  
President Roger Kelso  
  
Vice-President Robert Kirlin

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