

NASHVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009

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

PUBLIC HEARING

1) CALL TO ORDER by President Kelso at 6:50pm.

2) PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORCHARD HILL AND COFFEY HILL AREAS

President Kelso explained the purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the sewer expansion project in Orchard and Coffey Hill areas. He then turned the meeting over to Tony Akles of Strand Engineers to explain the current status of the project.

Mr. Akles explained that everything will be a force main, they did look at gravity but they went with the least costly option which is the force main so everyone would be pumping from their house into a common force main. He advised there will be check valves at each individual pump station so that one pump cannot pump into someone else's tank.

A resident asked what will happen when they have all the water coming from north into the city. The existing gravity sewers in town have adequate capacity but they will have to upgrade the Washington Street lift station to get it out to the wastewater treatment plant. The resident noted she lives in town and the sewer lines are so messed up that sewage comes into her house. She has contacted the Board of Health but has not heard back from them. She would like the town to fix what they have. President Kelso advised that this sewer expansion project would not affect her, but he is interested to learn about her problem. The resident noted she has spoken with Town Superintendent Bush regarding this issue.

Town Superintendent Bush explained they had a backup in November and they had to hire a company to unstop the line. In December the resident called twice, but there was no water standing in the town's sewer. Discussion. President Kelso advised the Council will figure out what is going on and fix this problem. He further noted to all the residents that if they have a problem with town services they can come to the Town Council meetings, call any councilmember, the town has a website or they can e-mail the councilmembers. There are lots of ways to get a hold of them if they feel the Town's Administration is not taking care of the job right.

A resident asked about the lift stations and what they are responsible for. Mr. Akles explained this is all preliminary as it has not been designed yet, but they will work with each individual homeowner to place the new lift station in their yard. President Kelso noted that most of the lift stations will be installed where the resident has their existing septic tank.

Another resident asked about the rate of sewers. President Kelso explained the water gallonage is what is used to determine what the sewer bill will be. Generally it is calculated around 80-85% of the water that is used goes back into the sewer. The resident asked if this would be true in the summer as well. President Kelso advised at this time they do not have a summer watering rate but if a person does a lot of watering they may want to consider an irrigation meter so that it would be billed separately.

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A question from the audience was asked regarding how the old septic tanks would be handled. Mr. Akles reported they would either be removed from the property or the bottoms would be broken out and filled in with gravel or dirt so that water would not stand in the septic tank.

A resident asked how they would decide how far they would come down the streets as many residents have the septic systems in the back of their homes. Mr. Akles explained they have a preliminary layout at this time, but during the design phase they will choose which side of the street they will install the main.

Another resident asked about the gas main that runs through Orchard Hill. Mr. Akles advised they take this into consideration when they do the surveying, all the utilities are located and they make their plans to avoid issues.

Some residents questioned who would be responsible for the electric bill for the lift stations. Mr. Akles noted this would be the responsibility of the homeowner. The town will provide the box but an electrician would have to provide wiring from the house to the box on the lift station. The pumps would require a 110 service. President Kelso noted the lift station pumps use about as much electricity as a 40 watt light bulb would.

Mr. Akles explained they have not chosen the manufacturer of the lift stations they will use yet. Councilmember King noted the town pays for the replacement of the lift stations when they fail if that was the concern. President Kelso advised the pumps last about five to seven years generally speaking.

Another resident asked what will happen with their sewage when the electricity goes out. Mr. Akles explained the sewage will go into the tank and when the electricity comes back on the pump will send it to the main. The septic tank will hold a thousand gallons; the pump station has a couple hundred gallons worth of storage in it as well. A typical house uses about two to three hundred gallons per day. Mr. Akles reported he has discussed the situation with Town Superintendent Bush and the Town will have a couple of pumps on hand in case a pump should break down it could be replaced fairly quickly. President Kelso also noted the Town has a contract with septic haulers that could pump out a lift station if it has failed.

One resident asked about the cost of hooking up to the sewers. Mr. Akles advised they do not have a hard fast cost yet.

Eric Frey with ARa addressed the audience regarding the Uniform Relocation Act. Since they are looking at using Federal grant dollars the residents involved will receive a form and brochure regarding their rights as a homeowner. If the residents choose to, they could accept the process of allowing the easement and they have copies of easements to be signed if they would like to do so. Mr. Frey noted they are submitting the application on March 13, 2009 and they will need everything together prior to that so in reality they will need all the easements and forms signed by the end of February.

Councilmember King advised that the loan process and grant money work on a point system. One of the sections where they get points toward getting the loan is if the general public sends in letters saying how much they want the sewer expansion. Mr. Frey also explained if the residents were to write about problems or issues they've had in the past any description of that will go a long way.

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A resident asked for clarification on the cost to each resident. President Kelso explained that each house will have a hook-on fee. Town Superintendent Bush approximates each home to cost \$5,484 to hook-on. President Kelso doesn't believe the cost will be that high, but there will be a fee, there are no free lunches. There will be some uniform standard fee and the residents will be completely aware of the costs along the way. The Council has not discussed a payment plan option to date.

A veterinarian from the Holistic Veterinary Service asked if a commercial property could be hooked onto the sewer. President Kelso noted that this project is for primarily residential services only, if there is something commercial it would have to be very light commercial. The veterinarian noted she could be considered light commercial. Mr. Akles explained Rural Development suggested extending the sewers down past the church. This extension was written up separately in the project. Discussion. Mr. Akles and the Councilmembers spoke with individual residents regarding their specific concerns in hooking up to the Town's sewer line.

Council advised they would have a copy of the wastewater study located at the library for residents to review.

President Kelso noted the biggest thing on the time frame is acquisitional financing which is part of the reason they are having the hearing. The largest portion of the financing is going through Rural Development then potentially a grant component that will come from Community Focus or through SRF with the stimulus package. All of this will depend on how quick they can get their application in successfully.

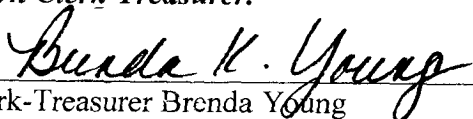
A resident asked when they would be able to nail down the hook up fees. President Kelso answered that once they know from Rural Development whether or not they are ready to commit to a certain amount of funding, they will then have a rate consultant and engineers define costs. The design will have to be completed before hand. If things go well in March, they should have a pretty firm idea by September or so.


Another resident asked if they would be using local contractors. President Kelso advised they will put this out for open bid but he cannot guarantee that local contractors will get the jobs.

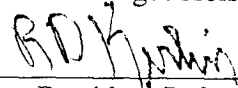
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Kelso at 7:37pm.

The audio recording made at the Town Council meeting on 2-10-09 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.


Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young


President Roger Kelso

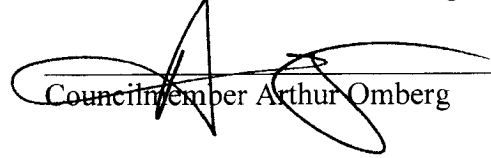

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