

TOWN OF NASHVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024, AT 6:30PM
IN PERSON AT NASHVILLE TOWN HALL
200 COMMERCIAL STREET
AND VIDEO CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE - Council members present in person - President Andi Wilson, Vice-President David Rudd, Councilmember Anna Hofstetter (arrived at 6:34pm), Councilmember Lance Miller, and Councilmember Rex Watters III. Also, in attendance - Town Manager Sandie Jones, Town Attorney Wanda Jones, Police Chief Heather Burris, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Ferry, and Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young.

- 1. OPENING THE MEETING** – By President Wilson at 6:32pm.
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - B. Roll Call - C/T Young**
 - C. Approval of the Agenda** – Town Manager Jones asked for Agenda item #8A to be moved prior to their Council appointments #6. Councilmember Hofstetter motioned to approve the agenda with the exception of agenda item 7A to be tabled until after the public hearing is finished. Discussion. Nancy Crocker explained the process that the USB followed. Vice-President Rudd motioned to approve the agenda with moving Item 8A to prior to the Commission Appointments. Councilmember Watters seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA** – Vice-President Rudd motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Miller seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.
 - A. Consider Approval of Claims (Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Allowance Docket)**
 - B. Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes – 12-21-2023, 12-28-2023 and 1-02-2024 Meetings**
- 3. PRESENTATION ON S. 2990, THE BENJAMIN HARRISON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND WILDERNESS ESTABLISHMENT ACT OF 2023 – DOUGLAS RAPP** Representatives presented information on the proposed S. 2990, the Benjamin Harrison National Recreation Area and Wilderness Establishment Act of 2023 as introduced by US Senator Mike Braun. Counting the adjacent 16,000-acre Brown County State Park, the legislation would establish the largest area of protected public forest in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois at the doorstep of Indianapolis, Columbus, Seymour, Bloomington, and Bedford as was

presented in the materials. The presenters asked for support from the Nashville Town Council. Discussion. They will put together a Resolution for the Town Council to consider in support of S.2990.

4. CLERK-TREASURER REPORT

A. Fund Balance Report – C/T Young asked if anyone had any questions for the month of December. There were none. She then asked the Council to approve a claim for Elan Financial Services in the amount of \$662.98. Vice-President Rudd made a motion to approve the claim. Councilmember Hofstetter seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

C/T Young presented a list of outstanding checks for the record as of 12-31-2021. The list totals \$453.25.

She then asked the Council to sign the Certification of Receipt and Review for all the bank statements and all financials. Vice-President Rudd motioned to approve the Certification. Councilmember Hofstetter seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

B. Council Claims Review Schedule – C/T Young asked the Council about the scheduling of the Claims Review for internal control procedures. It was agreed that Councilmember Hofstetter would review the claims tomorrow. The review schedule will then follow in alphabetical order.

5. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Police Department

December 2023:

All Nashville Police Department Officers met all the Indiana state training hours for 2023.

- EVOC (emergency vehicle operations)
- Defense Tactics
- Firearms
- Mandatory Training (SIDS, Mental Health, Autism, CPR)
- Officers participated in the Christmas Lights Parade, traffic control, and pedestrian safety.
- Officer Bolin and Officer Clevenger assisted with the Christkindl Market providing overnight security for vendors to keep their merchandise safe.
- Training Commander Mick Reddick signed up to participate in the county wide training for Active Shooter.
- Officers trained with Dr. Sandy Washburn on the QR code to help children in the Community through trauma and communicate with Brown County Schools.
- Brown County Schools reached out to schedule another High School student for a career day with the Nashville Police Department.

- Fight Crime Invest In Kids reached out to Chief Heather Burris to highlight The Nashville Police Department in their international blog for Children. The article was posted in January 2024 for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.
- Lt. Mike Horn helped a worker at Speedway fix his vehicle, providing a window and side mirror, so his vehicle would be safe and properly working.

Nashville Police Department wants to Thank everyone for all the cookies, cards and candy dropped off to the Police Department for Christmas.

Councilmember Hofstetter spoke about legislation being introduced at the State House that could help reimburse our town for training officers and then they leave for other departments.

B. Town Administration – Not present

C. Town Attorney Report – Town Attorney Jones advised that the easement for IU Health Facility is close to being done. They have three easements completed for the sewer with one still to be completed.

D. Town Manager Report – Town Manager Jones

- **Redevelopment Commission to Lead Comprehensive Plan Project –** The Commission would ask for proposals and the plan would be paid for with TIF funds. Vice-President Rudd motioned to allow the Redevelopment Commission to use TIF funds for the Comprehensive Plan Project. Councilmember Miller seconded. President Wilson, Vice-President Rudd, Councilmember Miller, and Councilmember Watters were in favor of the motion. Councilmember Hofstetter was opposed.

6. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS – This agenda Item was moved below #8. A.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Consider Ordinance 2024-01 Bond Ordinance – 2nd Reading and Adoption – This agenda item was moved to below 8.B.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Ordinance 2024-03 An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 2013-14 Regarding Membership of the DRC – Councilmember Hofstetter motioned to have the first reading by title only of Ordinance 2024-03. Vice-President Rudd seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion. Councilmember Hofstetter read aloud Ordinance 2024-03 by title only. Vice-President Rudd motioned to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance 2024-03 by title only. Councilmember Hofstetter seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion. Councilmember Hofstetter read aloud Ordinance 2024-03 by title only. Councilmember Hofstetter motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-03. Vice-

President Rudd seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

B. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS – This agenda Item was moved from 6.A.

Alcoholic Beverage Commission – Councilmember Hofstetter motioned to appoint Jim Hahn. Vice-President Rudd seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

Brown County Area Plan Commission – Vice-President Rudd motioned to appoint Jane Gore. Councilmember Miller seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

Brown County Community Corrections Advisory Board – Vice-President Rudd motioned to appoint Anna Hofstetter. Councilmember Watters seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

Brown County Emergency Management Board – Councilmember Watters motioned to appoint David Rudd. Councilmember Hofstetter seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

Brown County Solid Waste Board – Vice-President Rudd motioned to appoint Andi Wilson and Anna Hofstetter. Councilmember Watters seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission – Vice-President Rudd motioned to appoint Ann McCann, Andrea Rogers-Bartels, Holly Salo, Tyra Miller, and Ross Benson. Councilmember Miller seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

Nashville Development Review Commission – Appointed by Individual Council Members

Vice-President Rudd – appointed Katina Thomas

Councilmember Miller – appointed William Galloway

Councilmember Watters – appointed Andi Rogers-Bartels

Nashville Parking and Public Facilities Corporation – Food & Beverage – Vice-President Rudd motioned to appoint Gloria Dobbs, Eli Nickel, Quinten Heltman, and Tyra Miller. Councilmember Watters seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

Nashville Town Park Commission - No one applied for the one open member seat.

Nashville Redevelopment Commission – Councilmember Hofstetter nominated David Plessinger. Councilmember Watters seconded. Councilmember Miller

abstained as David Plessinger is his relative. President Wilson, Vice-President Rudd, Councilmember Hofstetter, and Councilmember Watters were in favor of the motion.

Councilmember Miller nominated Victor Bongard. Vice-President Rudd seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

Councilmember Hofstetter nominated Nancy Crocker. Councilmember Watters seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

Councilmember Watters nominated Theresa Cobian. Councilmember Miller seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

Councilmember Hofstetter motioned to appoint Paul Clark. Vice-President Rudd seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

Nashville Tree Board – Vice-President Rudd motioned to appoint all 5 current members to serve again. Councilmember Hofstetter seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

Councilmember Hofstetter asked about a report on the upcoming Eclipse Event. Town Manager Jones advised that they are continuing to have meetings with the Emergency Management. She has sent out letters to local doctors regarding not scheduling appointments for that day and will send letters to residents about not scheduling unnecessary travel during this time.

Discussion about the estimated influx of visitors to our community since we are in the path of totality for viewing the eclipse.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- B. Consider Ordinance 2024-01 Bond Ordinance – 2nd Reading and Adoption – This agenda item was moved to below 8.B.** – Vice-President Rudd motioned to have a second reading of Ordinance 2024-01 by title only. Councilmember Watters seconded. President Wilson, Vice-President Rudd, Councilmember Miller, and Councilmember Watters were in favor of the motion. Councilmember Hofstetter was opposed. Vice-President Rudd read aloud Ordinance 2024-01 by title only. Vice-President Rudd motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-01. Councilmember Miller seconded. President Wilson, Vice-President Rudd, Councilmember Miller, and Councilmember Watters were in favor of the motion. Councilmember Hofstetter was opposed. Councilmember Hofstetter spoke about having public comments and discussion.
- C. Discuss Proposed Amendment Regarding Internally Lit Signage** – Town Manager Jones explained that Blake Wolpert was not here this evening. There was a draft ordinance in the Councilmembers packets. This draft ordinance will go before the Area Plan Commission Tuesday at 6:00pm.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – The new Council members were welcomed by Sherrie Mitchell and Phillip McKown.

Heather Nicholson complimented Councilmember Watters about his comment regarding the addition of the expenses regarding the proposed S 2990.

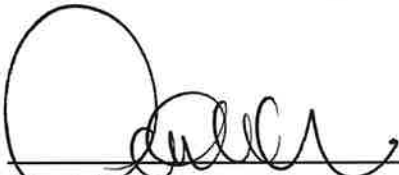
Clint Studebaker spoke about the BAN ordinance that was passed this evening. He encouraged everyone to come to the USB meeting tomorrow at 11:00am.

Daniel Olson commented via zoom regarding the upcoming State Representative election. He spoke about candidate Thomas regarding values and transparency.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ACTION ITEMS – There were none presented.

11. ADJOURN – Vice-President Rudd motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hofstetter seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned by President Wilson at 7:59pm.


Clerk-Treasurer Brenda K. Young


President Andi Wilson


Vice-President David Rudd

Councilmember Anna Hofstetter


Councilmember Lance Miller


Councilmember Rex Watters III