

**NASHVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021**

Council members present at Town Hall: President Jane Gore, Vice-President Alisha Gredy, and Councilmember Dave Rudd. Council members present by remote access via Zoom: Councilmember Nancy Crocker and Councilmember Anna Hofstetter.

Utility Service Board members present at Town Hall: Utility Service Board President Roger Kelso, Board member Bob Kirlin. Utility Service Board members present by remote access via Zoom: Utility Service Board Vice-President Bob Willsey and Board member Pam Gould.

Also in attendance at Town Hall: Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young, Municipal Operations Consultant Dax Norton, Administration Manager Phyllis Carr, Water/Sewer Operator Robin Willey. Also in attendance by remote access via Zoom: Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1) OPENING THE MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER by President Gore at 4:10 pm.

B. ROLL CALL by Clerk-Treasurer Young.

2) PUBLIC HEARING: TOWN OF NASHVILLE TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE FROM THE WASTEWATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (WWSRF) LOAN PROGRAM FOR WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS AND THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) LOAN PROGRAM FOR WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

President Gore opened the Public Hearing at 4:15 pm. It was announced that the public hearing was also available by Zoom for remote participants.

Lori Young with Curry & Associates, Inc. explained that the public hearing is a requirement for the State Revolving Fund Program (SRF). She explained the hearing minutes, sign-in sheet and other documents would be submitted to the SRF. Ms. Young explained that there is a five-day comment period following the hearing.

A PowerPoint presentation was shared with the public in-person and virtually via Zoom. Ms. Young explained the Town of Nashville/Brown County State Park (BCSP) Drinking Water Improvements Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and the Town of Nashville/Brown County State Park Wastewater PER. Nathan Delisle with ms consultants, inc. explained the Town of Nashville Wastewater PER. Overall needs, proposed scopes of work, project costs, and schedules were explained. The financing of the projects and IFA partnership were also explained.

A question was asked about possible impacts to rates. Financial Advisor Jarrod Hall with Krohn & Associates LLP explained best and worst case scenarios and that final rates will be dependent upon subsidy/grant or forgivable loan. Generally, Town wastewater rates may increase 39% if financing is for 20 years at 2% interest or it may be approximately 8% if subsidy is available and rates are kept to approximately \$65 for 4,000 gallons. It was explained that this is still unknown until final subsidy availability is determined. General discussion about current subsidy availability and IFA partnership on the project took place. It was stated that the Town is not committed to any rate impacts until they close on financing. It was explained that the PERs and hearing are the first step to begin securing funding.

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Current grant funding availability was also explained. An additional question was asked about rate impacts. It was clarified that costs related to construction for BCSP will be covered by IFA. It was explained that a cost of service study is underway. It was stated that this study will be important to ensure that user rates are fair to all users.

Jill Curry with Curry & Associates, Inc. stated that their office had received questions from a resident along Parkview Road. She explained that the BCSP water tank is anticipated to be a ground level, cylinder style tank, approximately 40 feet in diameter and 35 foot high. IDNR will review colors to try and keep them compatible.

The booster station is anticipated to be 24 feet by 24 feet or 28 feet by 28 feet. There will be no lighting on the storage tank, and there may be a manually operated light on the booster station building exterior. She explained there would be little to no noise when standing outside the booster station due to pumping.

Ms. Curry explained there is no anticipated impacts to water quality for residents along Parkview Road. The anticipated area of trees/brush to be cleared for the tank and booster station is 100-feet by 150-feet. IDNR will follow their policy for tree use or disposal after clearing. She explained that it is undetermined if new fencing will be installed at the tank and booster station site. If there is fencing, it will likely be vinyl coated chain link. The booster station will not have windows and the tank ladder will only be accessible by personnel.

It was asked if there will be any mitigation for tree clearing. It was explained that the environmental review is underway and there may be a limited time of year for tree clearing due to protected species. Currently no other mitigation is anticipated but environmental review is underway.

Town Councilmember Hofstetter asked about options for reclamation of water for use. Discussion involved state legislature action related to water reclamation. It was explained that this is a somewhat separate issue and that at this point it is difficult to take certain actions at the WWTP without knowing what the future holds legislatively. It was explained that there may be some potential for this in the future but that this question was not a focus of the current Town Wastewater PER.

A question regarding whether the project will also benefit Brown County Water Utility (BCWU) was asked. Fixed and variable costs and volumes of water sold by BCWU to the Town of Nashville were explained.

Town Councilmember Hofstetter made comments related to water supply and getting it from the source as much as possible and becoming self-sufficient. The importance of reclaiming water was reiterated by Ms. Hofstetter. Water scarcity concerns and trends were mentioned. It was stated that planning is far along, and systems cannot be completely recreated. It was stated that it is not believed that these projects would interfere with future desires to reclaim water.

It was asked why the alternative to connect to East Monroe Water, the least expensive alternative, was not selected for the Town of Nashville/BCSP Drinking Water PER. Bob Curry with Curry & Associates, Inc. explained issues with reliability and pipe age and material and why that alternative was not selected.

Clarity on the chain of command for water was requested as far as who is serving BCSP and water supply to the Town of Nashville from BCWU. It was explained that the communication has been well

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covered regarding who will serve the BCSP. Bob Curry stated that the Town of Nashville and Brown County Water Utility have an agreement for service in place. He also stated that he works with BCWU and their Board is aware of this project. Town Council President Jane Gore stated that the Town and Brown County Water Utility have regular communication and meetings.

Councilmember Rudd made a motion to approve the following resolutions: Resolution 2021-08, Resolution 2021-09, Resolution 2021-10, Resolution 2021-11, Resolution 2021-12. Vice-President Gredy seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

Town Councilmember Hofstetter reiterated support for the project and stated that she wanted to ensure the projects didn't limit the ability for possible future actions.

The Public Hearing concluded at 5:10 p.m.

3) DISCUSSION REGARDING UTILITY SERVICE BOARD DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

MOC Norton gave an update on the Utility Service Board and explained that the Board and Town Council need to come to an agreement of duties. Discussion.

Councilmember Rudd made a motion to ratify the Town Council's administrative duties to the Utility Service Board. Vice-President Gredy seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

4) ADJOURN

Councilmember Rudd moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice-President Gredy seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. President Gore adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm.

The audio recording made at the Town Council meeting on 5-27-2021 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.



President Jane Gore

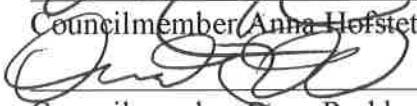
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