

**NASHVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: Council members present – President Charles B. King, Vice-President Jane Gore and Councilmember Arthur Omberg. Council members not present – Councilmember Alisha Gredy and Councilmember Dave Rudd. Also in attendance – Utility Manager Sean Cassiday, Administration Manager Phyllis Carr, Police Chief Ben Seastrom, and Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – 5:00pm

1) CALL TO ORDER by Councilmember King at 5:00pm.

2) ROLL CALL by Clerk-Treasurer Young.

3) INDIANA LANDMARKS CONTRACT – RENEWAL

Administration Manager Carr presented the renewal contract from Indiana Landmarks who has been providing consultancy to the Development Review Commission for several years. She explained that since they are working on a Historic Preservation Ordinance and amendments to the sign ordinance she asked that this contract be renewed. Administration Manager Carr noted that the contract is the same as last year and the same cost of \$4,000. Councilmember Omberg understands the need to renew the contract this year but at some point would like to phase out their services.

Vice-President Gore made a motion to approve the contract renewal. Councilmember Omberg seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

4) FRIENDS OF LAKE MONROE – LETTER OF SUPPORT REQUEST

Clerk-Treasurer Young advised that former Town Manager Rudd had been communicating with the Friends of Lake Monroe. They are requesting a letter of support from the Town of Nashville to apply for a grant. The application needs to be turned in by August 27, 2018 and they are requesting the support letter to go with the application.

Councilmember Omberg questioned what the grant is going for and why they would need the Town of Nashville's support. Discussion. Utility Manager Cassiday doesn't believe that signing a letter of support will bind them in the future.

Vice-President Gore made a motion to authorize the Town Council President to sign the letter of support. Councilmember Omberg seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

5) WATER CIP RIBBON CUTTING

Clerk-Treasurer Young reminded the Council about the Water CIP ribbon cutting that will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 2:15pm at Town Hall. She encouraged all the Council members to attend and advised that the State Director of Rural Development will be in attendance as well as OCRA and representatives of the Indiana Bond Bank.

6) ENGINEERING SERVICES

Utility Manager Cassiday spoke about the engineering services that are needed to do an ADA update. He asked DLZ for a bid and they gave him a bid of approximately \$35,750 to do the engineering work. Utility Manager Cassiday explained they have budgeted these funds to do this work this year and he would like to spend it. Discussion.

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Councilmember Omberg made a motion to enter into this agreement with DLZ and that Utility Manager Cassiday may sign off on the contract. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

7) SALVATION ARMY – RIGHT OF WAY REQUEST

Administration Manager Carr presented a right-of-way request from the Salvation Army to hold their annual street carnival on Saturday, September 15, 2018. They are asking that the street be blocked on S. Jefferson from W. Washington Street to Pittman House Lane.

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to approve the right-of-way request for the Salvation Army on September 15, 2018. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

8) NASHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SIGN

Administration Manager Carr advised that she was contacted by Heather Mollo of the Nashville United Methodist Church and the church would like to put up a “Before I Die” chalkboard on the greenspace next to the church. The chalkboard would be on site from September 14 through September 21, 2018. Discussion.

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to approve the request for the temporary sign. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

9) 2019 BUDGET

Clerk-Treasurer Young passed out budget spreadsheets for the Council’s review and noted their budget is very similar to last years budget because their levy is the same and the tax rate should be approximately the same as last year. Clerk-Treasurer Young noted that each of the funds is balanced and the disbursements are less than the revenue coming in for the year 2019. Clerk-Treasurer Young then went through each of the tax budget spreadsheets with the Council and explained where the numbers came from.

Clerk-Treasurer Young reported that she increased the fire department’s budget by \$5,000 so it is now \$17,000 for 2019. Councilmember Omberg commented that this is a 41% percent increase in the budget.

Clerk-Treasurer Young passed out the proposed salary ordinance which is also balanced and she made a 2% increase across the board except for the Police Department. Police Chief Seastrom is looking for a \$5,000 raise for each of the officers in order to be more competitive in pay with other departments. Discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Young explained the other proposed budgets and explained to the Council where the funds for each budget came from. Vice-President Gore commented that all the spreadsheets were very helpful and thanked Clerk-Treasurer Young for all her work on the budget.

Clerk-Treasurer Young advised if the Council approves of the proposed budget, she would advertise the Public Hearing notice for September 20, 2018 at 6:30pm. This budget is for the tax budgets only as they are still waiting to hear from Umbaugh on the water and sewer budget numbers. Discussion. Clerk-Treasurer Young advised the Council would then decide to adopt the budget at the October 18, 2018 Town Council meeting.

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Councilmember Omberg made a motion to advertise the budget as presented by Clerk-Treasurer Young. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

10) BETA-KOW 2018 FUNDING REQUEST

Clerk-Treasurer Young advised the Kids on Wheels have requested funds for their skate park project. Councilmember Omberg suggested they use the funds that were set aside for the Town Manager's position as they won't be filling this position soon. Discussion.

Councilmember Omberg commented that Councilmember Gredy wanted to donate \$1,000 toward the skate park. He would also like to donate this amount as they will be saving money on salaries this year. President King and Vice-President Gore commented that they would prefer to donate \$500 instead. Discussion.

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Kids on Wheels project. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. All but President King were in favor of the motion and the motion passed 2-1.

11) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Brown County Volunteer Fire Chief Nick Kelp commented that the Town will never have surplus money and they will need to either raise taxes or other funding alternatives. He has done some research on funding such as sales tax. Discussion. BCVF Chief Kelp advised that he would like to pursue a fire territory and he wants to formally request to the County Commissioners to remove Washington Township out of the fire district. He thought this would go a lot better with letters of support from the Town Council and the Washington Township Trustee. Discussion. BCVF Chief Kelp commented that there has to be a way to fund the fire department. Councilmember Omberg suggested that BCVF Chief Kelp bring a proposed letter to Town Hall and the Council could vote on it.

Vice-President Gore asked about filling the Town Manager position. Councilmember Omberg advised that he does not want to advertise yet for a lot of different reasons and he is not sure that they need a Town Manager. Vice-President Gore voiced concern that things could slip through the cracks without this position being filled. Discussion. Councilmember Omberg noted that a Town Manager should not be over the Police Department as they have their own Chief and their own board.

Councilmember Omberg would like to revisit the job description and asked to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Clerk-Treasurer Young will look to see if this would qualify as an Executive Session. The Council agreed to meet on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 5:30pm.

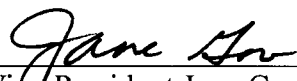
12) ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Gore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Omberg seconded the motion. President King adjourned the meeting at 6:36pm.

The audio recording made at the Town Council meeting on 8-23-18 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.

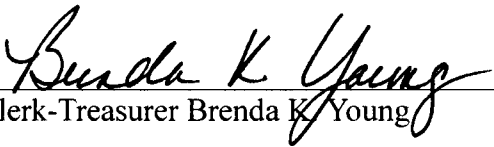


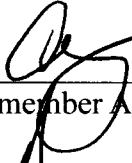
President Charles B. King



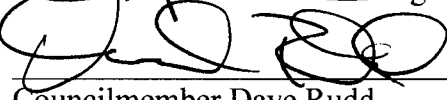
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