

NASHVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Council members present – President Charles B. King, Vice-President Jane Gore, Councilmember Alisha Jacoba, Councilmember Arthur Omberg and Councilmember Dave Rudd. Also in attendance – Town Manager Scott Rudd, Utility Manager Sean Cassiday, Police Chief Ben Seastrom, Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Ferry.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – 6:30pm

1) CALL TO ORDER by Councilmember King at 6:34pm.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President King asked all in attendance to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. President King asked that they all keep the people in Florida in their thoughts and prayers.

3) ROLL CALL by Clerk-Treasurer Young.

4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President King advised that they will not be discussing the settlement as listed under the Town Attorney. Councilmember Omberg moved to approve the agenda with the change. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

5) NOTES TO NOTE

President King reminded everyone that the Town trash cans are not for residential or business trash. He also asked that people use the appropriate driving lanes in town as they were updated this past fall.

6) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – 12-21-17 MEETING, 12-28-17 EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MEETING, 12-29-17 MEETING, 1-04-18 EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MEETING, 1-18-18 MEETING AND 1-25-18 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to approve all the minutes as presented. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

7) ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

President King advised that he reviewed the claims this month. Councilmember Omberg made a motion to approve the accounts payable voucher registers for the period of 1-12-18 to 1-31-18 and for the period of 2-01-18 to 2-08-18. Councilmember Jacoba seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Young presented a claim for the Superfleet MasterCard. Councilmember Omberg made a motion to approve the Superfleet MasterCard accounts payable voucher in the amount of \$44,409.35. Councilmember Jacoba seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

8) COMMUNICATIONS

A. Written

None presented.

B. Audience

• **SIDEWALK REQUEST FROM CVS TO MCDONALDS ALONG ST. RD. 46 E.**

Anna Hoffsteter introduced herself to the Council as a representative of Paths for People. She explained they are an organization of community members that are concerned with pedestrian safety and pedestrian infrastructure in town. Ms. Hoffsteter introduced the following speakers:

Christina Grimes addressed the Council and explained on the evening of September 4, 2017 she and her boyfriend David Sturgeon were crossing St. Road 46 at the Hawthorne Street intersection by McDonalds. While they were crossing the road, Mr. Sturgeon was struck by a car and later died at the hospital. Ms. Grimes explained that their family has been shattered and she wants to make a change so that no one else will go through what they are going through. She believes with better lighting, sidewalks and crosswalks this accident could have been prevented.

Stephanie Jo Bush thanked the Council for being given the opportunity to speak this evening. She said that she received a call from her cousin saying that her brother David had been killed on September 4, 2017. Ms. Bush talked about pain her family has experienced due to this accident and asked that something good come out of her brother's death such as seeing St. Road 46 be more pedestrian friendly. She asked that a well lit sidewalk along St. Road 46 be installed beginning at the CVS to the intersection in front of McDonalds along with a crosswalk.

Clara Stanley of BETA informed the Council the BETA/Kids on Wheels made a purchase contract with the Winger property next to the Sheriff's Department on St. Road 46. They don't have money to pay for the whole purchase but have recently received \$5,000 from the Women's Giving circle. Mrs. Stanley explained that if they can purchase the property they plan to put in a skate park in this area. She has heard that there are potential plans for the trail to be expanded to go underground from the school to the other side of St. Road 46 but there is no timeline for this to be installed. Mrs. Stanley anticipates that there will be a lot of students and adults walking in this area and it is important that the area be pedestrian safe.

Local business owner Rick Hoffsteter commented that they cannot undo this tragedy but they can do something to prevent it from happening again. He explained that a four tenths of a mile sidewalk will link the high school to a growing part of Nashville. It will keep people from walking on the streets and will accommodate people with wheelchairs. Mr. Hoffsteter noted the sidewalk would not be an expense but rather an investment and will benefit the community in many ways.

David Chilcot, co-owner of Ooey Goey Cinnamon Rolls, spoke in honor of David Sturgeon and his unnecessary death. He gave a list of statistics of pedestrians that are killed in the United States. Mr. Chilcot explained to improve the statistics they need to have pedestrian friendly sidewalks, crosswalks at crossways and well lit areas.

Tim Stant commented that cost seems to be the big issue. He noted that there are a lot of big projects that are going on in the state and maybe they can coordinate with INDOT to reduce their costs.

Annie Hawk thanked the Council for allowing them to speak tonight. She advised that safety is number one before development. Ms. Hawk believes they have to find the money to come up with to make this area safe and they can't wait to have a safe town.

Councilmember Omberg asked about using ARa to help with grant information and asked Town Manager Rudd to look into this.

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Councilmember Omberg asked for clarification of what exactly they would like to have. Ms. Hoffstetter explained that Phase One of the Salt Creek Trail took about ten years to build. The fourth, and last phase of the trail, is potentially planned to build an underpass under St. Road 46 from the high school. Ms. Hoffstetter noted the Salt Creek Trail is a wonderful resource for the community but they cannot use it after dark. There is a limitation on getting there in that there is not a marked crosswalk at the CVS. From what she has learned, INDOT would put in the crosswalks if the sidewalks were installed. She volunteered to help with a committee to brainstorm ideas of how to fund this project.

Utility Manager Cassiday has talked with INDOT and looked at the intersection at St. Road 46 and Hawthorne Drive. There is not a shoulder at this intersection because of the turn lanes and therefore no way to connect a sidewalk. The cost to build a shoulder is very expensive and especially if they have to cross St. Road 46 to the Seasons. Ms. Hoffstetter reported that she talked with the owners of the Season's and they are in support of this project.

Town Attorney Roberts reminded the Council that they have an ordinance that allows them to put the burden of curb and sidewalk improvements on adjoining land owners. He believes the County to be the major landowner in this area and they may look into cost sharing with them. Discussion. President King thanked the group for speaking with the Council and advised they will do what they can with their request.

Jonna Weigand, a lifetime walker, has moved into downtown Nashville and noticed the lack of sidewalks in the Salt Creek complex. She has walked on the shoulder of St. Road 46 many times and believes the unsafe drivers are the problem and the laws should be enforced.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS

1) BROWN COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A representative was not present to give a report.

2) PARKING AND PUBLIC FACILITIES REPORT

Parking and Public Facilities Commission President Lamond Martin reported that the Commission did not have a quorum this month. They did discuss the vandalism that has occurred at the Village Green restrooms. He would like to install surveillance cameras so they can catch the people that are doing the damage and put an end to it.

PPFC Martin also talked about the smoking in this area and since they have created a nice atmosphere for children to play in this area, it shouldn't be filled with a haze of smoke. He asked the Council to consider making the four corners a non-smoking area.

They are still working on updating the Commission's by-laws and will review them further next month.

3) ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Arts and Entertainment Commission President Nancy Crocker seconded the idea of making the Village Green area non-smoking.

NAEC President Crocker reported that September 7-9, 2018 is Art Colony Weekend. The NAEC is totally on board with this event and want to make it Brown County's Art Festival. She asked that the Town Council declare September 7-9 Art Colony Weekend.

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NAEC President Crocker talked about the brackets for banners that are currently installed at the four corners of Main and Van Buren Streets. She asked the Council's blessing to put up Art Walk and Art Village Brown County banners on these poles. When events are going on, they can add another banner underneath advertising art/entertainment events that week.

NAEC President Crocker reported that she was the representative from Brown County for Arts Road 46 at the Chicago Travel Show last weekend. She would like to start branding the town as an art colony to bring in more visitors which in turn will bring in more money for sidewalks and other items. NAEC President Crocker noted that the travel show was immensely successful.

NAEC President Crocker advised that the Brown County Art Guild is currently doing a show of student art work. The artwork can also be purchase and she encouraged everyone to see this show and support these students.

NAEC President Crocker has talked with artist Jim Connor about the Maple Leaf Sculpture at the corner of Main and Van Buren. Mr. Connor has advised that the current plantings underneath the sculpture will deteriorate the bottom of the sculpture. NAEC President Crocker is requesting the plantings be replaced with a ground cover and a couple of signs that say please do not climb.

NAEC President Crocker reported that Police Chief Seastrom asked the Commission if they could partner with them to create a police station mural.

NAEC President Crocker encouraged everyone to fill out the Hometown Collaboration Survey as today is the last day the survey is open. They will hold a community forum on March 7, 2018 at 5:30pm to give the results of the survey and come up with what they will focus on in the future. The forum will be held at the middle school and a light meal will be provided.

4) ANY OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS OR COMMENTS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Nothing further presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1) 188 S. JEFFERSON STREET REZONE REQUEST – ORDINANCE 2018-01

Planning and Zoning Director Christine Ritzman explained the property at 188 S. Jefferson Street is for sale and the new owner would like to rezone it to make changes to the building. The new owner would like to expand the retail area and has pretty plans for the exterior of the building. Director Ritzman reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission has made a favorable recommendation of the rezoning of the property to B1.

Councilmember Rudd made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2018-01 by title only. Councilmember Jacoba seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. Councilmember Omberg read aloud Ordinance 2018-01 by title only.

Councilmember Rudd made a motion to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance 2018-01 by title only. Councilmember Jacoba seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. Councilmember Omberg read aloud Ordinance 2018-01 by title only.

Councilmember Rudd made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-01 by title only. Councilmember Jacoba seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

2) VOLAND-HAMMOND REZONE REQUEST – ORDINANCE 2018-02

Planning and Zoning Director Christine Ritzman explained the Creekstone property at 2450 State Road 46 E requested to rezone part of their property. Currently only eight acres of their total property is zoned B2 and they would like to add 23.019 acres to the B2 district. Director Ritzman read aloud the certification from the Planning and Zoning Commission and advised they made a favorable recommendation of the rezoning of the property to B2.

Councilmember Rudd made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2018-02 by title only. Councilmember Omberg seconded the motion. Councilmember Jacoba abstained from the vote, all other were unanimously in favor. Councilmember Omberg read aloud Ordinance 2018-02 by title only.

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance 2018-02 by title only. Councilmember Rudd seconded the motion. Councilmember Jacoba abstained from the vote, all other were unanimously in favor. Councilmember Omberg read aloud Ordinance 2018-02 by title only.

Councilmember Rudd made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-02 by title only. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. Councilmember Jacoba abstained from the vote, all other were unanimously in favor.

3) ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Nothing presented.

OLD BUSINESS

1) COUNCIL PRESIDENT REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

President King advised two people had applied for the open seat on the Nashville Redevelopment Commission and appointed Ray Modglin to the Nashville Redevelopment Commission.

2) ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Nothing presented.

RECESS A recess was called from 7:36pm to 7:45pm

REPORTS

1) CLERK-TREASURER – BRENDA YOUNG

A. AIM LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Clerk-Treasurer Young announced that she had the honor to speak with Indiana's congressmen and senators last week in Washington DC to bring home the message that they need help on infrastructure throughout the state and country. As the President of AIM, she will go to Washington DC again next month and meet again with their representatives.

Clerk-Treasurer Young advised there will be a legislative dinner coming up in Indiana and the Council will get a chance to meet and talk with their state legislators and governor. She will be the emcee for this dinner event.

Nancy Crocker commented that she really appreciates Clerk-Treasurer Young and all that she does. Several people clapped in appreciation and President King thanked Clerk-Treasurer Young for her service.

2) TOWN MANAGER/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR – SCOTT RUDD

A. REMC FIBER TO THE HOME PROJECT

Town Manager Rudd reported he has been working with the County to encourage REMC to invest in fiber to the home, schools and business in Brown County. The County Commissioners will be holding a public hearing on February 21, 2018 at 6pm to decide if broadband is inadequate in Brown County. Although it is obviously inadequate they are required to hold this hearing. Once that hearing is held there is a state law that allows for an exemption of certain taxes for this type of future investment.

B. KAMENIN, SLOVAKIA SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Town Manager Rudd advised they have been contacted by the embassy in Slovakia extending an offer to help them formalize their relationship with Kamenin. Dan Owen from the United States has also offered to assist in this relationship. Town Manager Rudd asked the Council if this is something they would like to pursue. Discussion. The Council agreed that Town Manager Rudd should pursue this sister city relationship.

C. HALF-CENTURY BUSINESS AWARD NOMINATION

Town Manager Rudd advised he has been working with the Chamber of Commerce to nominate the Nashville House for the state's half-century award. They are working with the Roger's family who own the Nashville House to have the application submitted tomorrow.

D. STREET LIGHTS

Town Manager Rudd reported they have received reports of several street lights that are out. The police department and the town workers have gathered the information needed to have the lights restored to working order by Duke Energy.

E. COUNCIL MEETINGS

Town Manager Rudd revisited the idea of quarterly reporting of committees at Town Council meetings in order to shorten the length of the monthly Town Council meeting. He suggested the committees/commissions could submit monthly written reports. Council agreed this is a great idea and Town Manager Rudd advised he would work on this.

F. KEEP BROWN COUNTY BEAUTIFUL REQUEST

Town Manager Rudd reported they have received a request from Keep Brown County Beautiful for funding this year. He explained that the Council gave them \$500 for their work in the community. Town Manager Rudd commented that they do need some help with the new town park and they did receive a \$7,500 grant from Duke Energy to install native planting in this area. Councilmember Omberg suggested the Master Gardeners be contacted as they are always looking for projects. The Council agreed to take the funding request under advisement.

3) UTILITY MANAGER – SEAN CASSIDAY

A. WATER CIP

Utility Manager Cassiday spoke with project contractors today and they plan on starting next Tuesday. He has secured storage in Bean Blossom for the Freeman Ridge project which will not start for another month. Discussion.

Utility Manager Cassiday advised that all the 5/8" meters will be replaced with the new radio read meters. The larger commercial meters will only have the register replaced to make them radio read. Town Manager Rudd noted that the larger commercial meters are about half of their revenue so they will need to add these meters to their five year investment plan. Discussion.

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Utility Manager Cassiday advised that Clerk-Treasurer Young has copies of the BLN contract for the engineering work on the pressure reducing valve. They have already done most of the engineering work but they need a signed contract so they can finish the work. There are a few things that the engineers may not have to do which will lower the cost. Town Manager Rudd asked that Town Attorney Roberts review the contract.

Councilmember Omberg made a motion that they sign the contract pending Town Attorney Roberts review. Councilmember Rudd seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

4) ADMINISTRATION MANAGER – PHYLLIS CARR

A. RIGHT OF WAY REQUESTS

- **BIG WOODS BREWING CO/PIZZA – ST. PATRICK’S DAY RALLY IN THE ALLEY – MARCH 17, 2018**

Utility Manager Cassiday presented the right of way request for Big Woods Rally in the Alley on March 17, 2018 from 11am-11pm to set up and tear down. The music will go from 1-9pm. This is the same request as previous years to block off Molly’s Lane from Van Buren Street to Honeysuckle. Utility Manager Cassiday presented a copy of the letter that was sent to the neighboring building owners notifying them of the event.

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to approve the right of way request for Big Woods Rally in the Alley on March 17, 2018. Councilmember Rudd seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

- **LIONS CLUB – SPRING BLOSSOM PARADE – MAY 5, 2018**
- **BOY SCOUT TROOP 190 – AUCTION – MAY 5, 2018**
- **ROTATRY – KIDS GAMES – MAY 5, 2018**

Utility Manager Cassiday presented the Lions Club Spring Blossom Parade, Boy Scout Auction and Rotary Kids Games right of way requests for May 5, 2018. These requests are all the same as last year.

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to approve the right of way requests for the May 5, 2018 events. Councilmember Rudd seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

- **MURAT SHRINERS PARADE – JUNE 9, 2018**

Utility Manager Cassiday presented the right of way request for the Murat Shriners Parade on Saturday, June 9, 2018 using the same route as last year.

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to approve the right of way request for the Shriners Parade on June 9, 2018. Councilmember Rudd seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

B. ROUND 1 SERVICE BID RECOMMENDATIONS

Utility Manager Cassiday advised they are still reviewing round 1 service bids and will have their recommendations at next month’s Council meeting.

C. SERVICE AGREEMENT BID OPENING

Utility Manager Cassiday opened the following service agreement bids and Councilmember Omberg read aloud the proposals in the following order:

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Concrete Services

- Dynamic Concrete – equipment charge \$75 per hour, skidder \$75, excavator \$75 and contract by bid.

Storm Drain Evacuation and Repair

- Roto-Rooter – equipment charge \$305 per job, service call \$65, labor charge per hour with additional operator \$95, various equipment types and prices.
- Wagler Brothers Excavation – equipment charge \$90, service call minimum \$180, labor charge \$35, after hour charge \$250, various equipment types and prices.

Building Repair

- Martin and Associates – service call charge \$50, labor charge per hour \$25, after hour charge \$50.
- Waltman Construction –service call \$85, labor charge \$45, after hour charge \$65 per man hour

Material Hauling/Trucking

- Wagler Brothers Excavating – equipment charge \$90 per hour.
- Jerry Fleetwood Excavation – equipment charge \$80 per triaxle per hour, service call \$35, labor charge \$35 per hour, various equipment types and prices.

Electric

- Wheeler Electric – equipment charge \$100 per hour, service call \$75, labor charge \$50 per hour, after hour charge \$75.
- Southside Electric – journeyman \$75 per hour, apprentice \$37.50 per hour, after hour charge for journeyman \$125, bucket truck \$25 per hour.

Pest Control

- Environmental Pest Control – labor charge \$75 per hour

Automotive Repair

- Whitaker Auto – \$60 per hour
- Brown County Tire – \$65 per hour, service call \$45, labor charge \$65
- Al's Paint and Body – service call \$55, labor charge \$65 per hour.

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to take the bids under advisement and have the administration make the recommendations. Councilmember Jacoba seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

5) POLICE CHIEF – BEN SEASTROM

A. COUNCIL INQUIRIES

Police Chief Seastrom advised that they have had a medical issue with K9 Officer Biker. He has had a couple of surgeries and the veterinarian has decided that Biker can no longer work as of last week. The agreement that was made when the Town got Biker was that when he could no longer work, the Town would gift Biker to his handler Assistant Chief True. Police Chief Seastrom asked the Council to gift Biker immediately as he is now retired. Once gifted the Town will no longer pay for any of Biker's bills.

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Vice-President Gore made a motion to gift Biker to Assistant Chief True. Councilmember Omberg seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Councilmember Omberg asked if the department will get another dog. Police Chief Seastrom advised they may in the future but will hold off at this time as the program is very expensive.

6) TOWN ATTORNEY JIM ROBERTS

Town Attorney Roberts asked if the Council wanted him to create the Art Colony proclamation.

Councilmember Omberg asked that Records Clerk Jones write the proclamation with NAEC President Crocker.

A. ORDINANCE 2018-03

Town Attorney Roberts introduced Ordinance 2018-03 concerning a Conflict of Interest Policy that is consistent with the County's policy.

Councilmember Rudd made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2018-03 by title only.

Councilmember Jacoba seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. Councilmember Omberg read aloud Ordinance 2018-03 by title only.

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance 2018-03 by title only. Councilmember Jacoba seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. Councilmember Omberg read aloud Ordinance 2018-03 by title only.

Councilmember Rudd made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-03 by title only. Councilmember Omberg seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

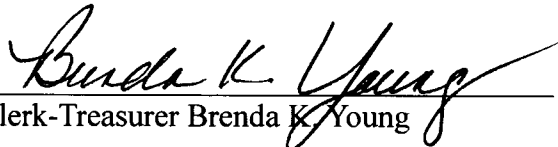
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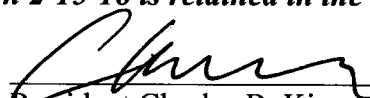
Police Chief Seastrom asked about the status of the deferral program. Town Attorney Roberts advised he will be working on it and would like to talk with Police Chief Seastrom in more detail.

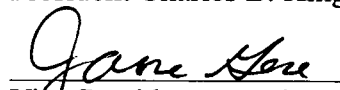
7) ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Jacoba seconded the motion. President King adjourned the meeting at 8:19pm.

The audio recording made at the Town Council meeting on 2-15-18 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.

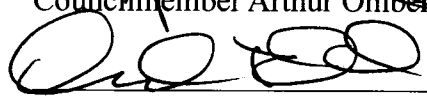

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