

## **NASHVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017**

**ATTENDANCE:** Council members present – President Charles B. King, Vice-President Jane Gore and Councilmember Alisha Jacoba. Council members not present – Councilmember Arthur Omberg and Councilmember Dave Rudd. Also in attendance – Town Manager Scott Rudd (via phone), Town 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 6:30pm.

**2) ROLL CALL** by Clerk-Treasurer Young.

### **3) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS HEARING – RESOLUTION 2017-05**

President King announced that yesterday the Town completed the purchase of properties for the purpose of a park. This will not raise people's taxes as they cannot do this by law. He explained the Town had the money to purchase the properties; it was just in a different account. The resolution before them will move the money to the correct fund. President King advised the Council decided some time ago that they needed a town park as they have never had one and people had been asking about creating a park. He noted they rarely see three properties side by side go for sale at the same time and this is why they pursued the purchasing of the properties.

President King offered to hear a motion to read the resolution by title only. Vice-President Gore made a motion to read Resolution 2017-05 by title only. Councilmember Jacoba seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

President King opened the Public Hearing concerning Resolution 2017-05. Clerk-Treasurer Young advised the Additional Appropriations Public Hearing was advertised in the Brown County Democrat newspaper on 6-28-17. The additional appropriations are for the General Fund (\$100,000) and the Local Roads and Bridge Matching Grant Fund (\$275,000). Clerk-Treasurer Young explained if the Council approves the resolution, it will be sent to Department of Local Government Finance for their approval.

Councilmember Jacoba read aloud Resolution 2017-05 by title only. Discussion.

President King asked if there were any further questions or comments from the audience. Resident Tricia Bock asked what the properties are currently zoned. Vice-President Gore believes the properties are zoned R2. Ms. Bock asked if a park is allowed in this zoning. Vice-President Gore advised a park is allowed to be on these properties as they checked that out before purchasing the properties. Ms. Bock asked if the Town was required to notify people in this area that they were going to purchase the property and turn it into a park. Vice-President Gore advised they would only have to notify neighboring properties if they were going to change the zoning.

Ms. Bock advised there is already trouble in this area of town and now they are adding to it. What do they plan to do about this? Police Chief Seastrom advised they have a plan in place and all the keys to the building will be turned over to him. All the buildings will remain locked and they will maintain security of the area and buildings. He advised the Council is planning on removing the buildings. President King noted the improvements of the area to turn it into a park will not happen overnight, it will take a couple years as they won't spend money they don't have. Discussion. Ms. Bock commented that she is opposed to the park in this area.

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Town Manager Rudd reported there is some interest in the log cabin structure from local preservation groups. He asked for Council's permission to further discuss the possible transfer of this property to these groups if they are interested in relocating the structure. The Council agreed this would be a good avenue to pursue and gave Town Manager Rudd permission to discuss further.

Brown County Democrat Editor Sara Clifford asked if they have a budget for whatever vision they have for this park. President King advised they have not budgeted for the park yet but will do so when they can. In the meantime, he believes they have enough funds to remove the structures, level out the ground, install drains and plant some trees. Councilmember Jacoba commented that with the park the Washington Street parking lot will be more accessible and less hidden from public view.

President King asked if there were any more questions or comments. With nothing further, President King closed the public hearing at 6:43pm.

Councilmember Jacoba made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-05 by title only. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

### **4) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

Police Chief Seastrom reported he has been in negotiations for the last three months with the John Jones Auto Group in Salem, Indiana. They are offering the ability to trade in vehicles with equipment toward the purchase price of new vehicles with equipment that is under warranty. He has also talked with People's State Bank about loans and presented a draft to the Council of the proposed loan payment schedule and the cost of the vehicles. Police Chief Seastrom explained they need eight cars and they have ten cars to trade in and noted some of those cars are not worth much money and barely run.

Police Chief Seastrom explained he is looking at six year terms that will cost around \$31,000 in payments each year. He would also need to purchase in car cameras, radars and any sort of cage or equipment storage. Their current cameras are dying and the service period ran out in 2014 and he has a quote of \$11,000 for the cameras.

Police Chief Seastrom asked the Council for permission to move forward with negotiating loans and if they get a good rate to go ahead with the purchase of the new vehicles in next year's budget. He noted if they go past September 2017 they will have to renegotiate on the cars as they will be selling 2018 model vehicles at an increased price. Vice-President Gore asked if they had already budgeted this amount for vehicles. Police Chief Seastrom advised they had budgeted \$30,000 so this bid is just a bit above the budget. Discussion.

Town Manager Rudd commented that this plan sounds great and asked Clerk-Treasurer Young if this type of program will work for her. Clerk-Treasurer Young commented this should be fine and with all the equipment included it sounds less expensive. If they are able to get a loan through the bank the current interest rate is 2.6%. Clerk-Treasurer Young advised if the Council gives them the go ahead to negotiate, the Council will still have to give them the final approval to enter into the contract.

Councilmember Jacoba made a motion to proceed with negotiations. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

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Utility Manager Cassiday advised that tomorrow he would like to submit the Community Crossings Paving grant application. He explained the grant is a 25% match which he and Clerk-Treasurer Young have looked at the numbers. There are several roads they can do with micro seal as well to put the entrance to Hawthorne Street and the proposed third lane down Hawthorne Street. He believes they will have a very good chance of getting this approved through INDOT.

President King reported he spoke with Jerry, the owner of McDonald's, and he is agreeable with them coming over two feet onto his side to widen the street. Discussion. Based on the numbers, Utility Manager Cassiday advised they will need about \$76,000 to come up with their 25%. He asked for the Council's approval to apply for the grant.

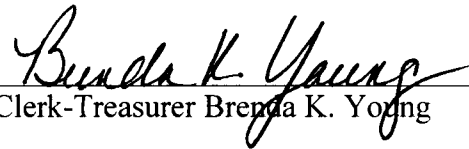
Councilmember Jacoba made a motion to apply for the Community Crossings Paving grant. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

President King announced he has copies of the history of the cabin that is on the property the Town just purchased and offered to share them with anyone that is interested.

### ADJOURNMENT

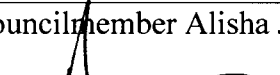
Councilmember Jacoba made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. President King adjourned the meeting at 6:58pm.


***The audio recording made at the Town Council meeting on 7-13-17 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.***

  
Clerk-Treasurer Brenda K. Young

  
President Charles B. King

  
Vice-President Jane Gore

  
Councilmember Alisha Jacoba

  
Councilmember Arthur Omberg

  
Councilmember Dave Rudd