

NASHVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Council members present – President Charles B. King, Vice-President Jane Gore, Councilmember Arthur Omberg and Councilmember Dave Rudd. Council members not present – Councilmember Alisha Gredy. Also in attendance – Town Manager Scott Rudd, Utility Manager Sean Cassiday, Administration Manager Phyllis Carr, 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 keep the people in Florida in their thoughts and prayers.

3) ROLL CALL by Clerk-Treasurer Young.

4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Administration Manager Carr asked that EMA Director Susan Armstrong be added under Audience Communications. Parking and Public Facilities Commission President Martin commented that his Commission was left off of tonight's agenda. Councilmember Omberg advised they were going to quarterly reporting unless the Commission needs to provide a report. All were unanimously in favor of approving the agenda as amended.

5) NOTES TO NOTE

President King showed a flyer that was stapled to the new well posts at the Village Green. He reminded people not to post flyers on town property.

6) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – 2-15-18 EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MEETING

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to approve the minutes of 2-15-18 Executive Session and meeting as presented. Councilmember 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 2-09-18 to 2-28-18 and for the period of 3-01-18 to 3-08-18. Councilmember Rudd seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to approve the Superfleet MasterCard accounts payable voucher in the amount of \$3,154.75. Councilmember Rudd seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Young presented claims for the Water Capital Improvements Project and noted the payment of these claims would be contingent upon the receipt of funds. She explained that Rural Development will be coming to the Town next week to approve all the claims on their end.

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to approve the following claims contingent upon the receipt of funds: ARa in the amount of \$16,000, BLN in the amount of \$2,260, Reed and Sons Construction, Inc.

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in the amount of \$11,878.80, James T. Roberts in the amount of \$7,225, Umbaugh and Associates in the amount of \$35,000, Utility Supply Company Inc. in the amount of \$295,362.45. Councilmember Rudd seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

8) COMMUNICATIONS

A. WRITTEN

- **SALT CREEK GOLF COURSE – WATER LEAK ADJUSTMENT REQUEST**

Ben VanNess explained in late January they found a leak in the valves to fill the pool and had the leak fixed. This effected two back to back billing cycles in January and February. He asked for an adjustment to his bill. President King asked if the standard adjustment was applied. Billing Clerk Sharon Crabtree advised she did apply the standard adjustment but the water adjustment did not qualify as she must use the previous six month's water average to do the calculations. Discussion.

An audience member asked if the golf course had insurance coverage. Mr. VanNess advised he could talk to his insurance company. Vice-President Gore suggested they table this request until Mr. VanNess talks to the insurance company. Utility Manager Cassiday reported that Mr. VanNess could purchase a program that will allow his meter to be read every hour via a cell phone or tablet at a cost of \$3,000 for the program.

Clerk-Treasurer Young advised if the Council chooses to table this discussion until next month, there will not be any additional late fees or penalties on the bill. Billing Clerk Crabtree noted that Mr. VanNess is also asking that any late fees that have been incurred while they were waiting on this meeting to be removed. President King advised there will be no more late fees until they figure out the bill and they will consider all the bills and fees and vote on it at the next Council meeting. Council suggested they go ahead and pay their normal average bill until they decide on any further adjustments.

B. AUDIENCE

- **EMA DIRECTOR – SUSAN ARMSTRONG**

EMA Director Susan Armstrong advised she has two Emergency Management Planning Council's that the Town has appointees: the Emergency Management Advisory Council and the District 8 Emergency Preparedness and Planning Coalition. Councilmember Omberg nominated Police Chief Seastrom to be appointed to these two boards. Councilmember Rudd seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

- **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Resident Jim Hays commented on water bill adjustment requests and he has heard several of these types of requests month after month. He noted the Council should not make decisions based on the size of the water bills but rather be fair to everyone.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS

1) PARKING AND PUBLIC FACILITIES REPORT

Parking and Public Facilities Commission President Lamond Martin reported that the Commission met this month and is still working on the by-laws and deciding what type of corporation they are. They will meet with Clerk-Treasurer Young to get some more information and report back to the Council.

2) BROWN COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Brown County Volunteer Fire Department Representative Shawn Fosnight reported they have received their new rescue truck but they are still working on getting it put into service. They hope to have an open house sometime in April to introduce the new equipment to the community.

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BCVFD Representative Fosnight advised that the year to date runs are at 132 runs with 53 of those runs in February.

3) ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Arts and Entertainment Commission President Nancy Crocker announced that the Commission would like to apply for a grant at the Brown County Community Foundation to purchase sound equipment for the Town to be used at the Pavilion music series and other town events. The speakers will be more portable and nicer sound system than they currently have. NAEC President Crocker explained that the sound system can also be used for other groups such as BETA for their events. She asked the Council approval to allow the NAEC to apply for the grant.

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to allow the NAEC to apply for the grant at the Foundation. Councilmember Rudd seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

NAEC President Crocker presented the Art Colony Proclamation to the Council which designates September 7-9, 2018 as Art Colony Weekend. Councilmember Omberg made a motion to approve the Art Colony Proclamation. Councilmember Rudd seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. Councilmember Omberg read aloud the 2018 Art Colony Weekend Proclamation in its entirety.

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

Nothing further presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1) ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Councilmember Omberg moved to approve the 2018 Arbor Day Proclamation. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. Councilmember Omberg read aloud in its entirety the 2018 Arbor Day Proclamation.

2) ACCESS BROWN COUNTY PROCLAMATION

Councilmember Omberg moved to approve the Access Brown County Proclamation. Councilmember Rudd seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. Councilmember Omberg read aloud in its entirety the May 6, 2018 Access Brown County Day Proclamation.

3) ORDINANCE 2018-04 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT FUND

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2018-04 by title only. Councilmember Rudd seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. Councilmember Omberg read aloud Ordinance 2018-04 by title only.

Councilmember Rudd made a motion to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance 2018-04 by title only. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. Councilmember Omberg read aloud Ordinance 2018-04 by title only.

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-04 by title only. Councilmember Rudd seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

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

Nothing presented.

OLD BUSINESS

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Nothing presented.

RECESS A recess was called from 7:14pm to 7:22pm

REPORTS

1) CLERK-TREASURER – BRENDA YOUNG

A. AIM LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Clerk-Treasurer Young announced that she had the honor to fly to Washington DC again and her trip was provided by Accelerate Indiana Municipalities in which she is the President of this year. She attended the Congressional City Conference in DC with 2,000 other elected officials throughout the country. Clerk-Treasurer Young advised that it was a fantastic conference with a lot of great speakers. There was an interesting discussion concerning infrastructure and another push to improve infrastructure around the country.

She was able to meet with Senator Joe Donnelly, Congresswoman Susan Brooks and the Legislative Assistant for Congressman Andre Carson during the conference and found these meetings very good for discussing our infrastructure needs. President King complimented Clerk-Treasurer Young for representing the town, county and state very well.

2) TOWN MANAGER/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR – SCOTT RUDD

A. BROADBAND UPDATE

Town Manager Rudd reported that the County is in the process of passing an ordinance declaring an Infrastructure Development Zone for the entire county that waives all the taxes for any future broadband investment.

Town Manager Rudd is hoping that REMC will be making an announcement soon for Brown County concerning broadband. He noted that he has been very active at the State House concerning a broadband grant program. The process has been very time consuming and he has testified several times on behalf of passing this program. Town Manager Rudd happily announced that at the very end of session last night they passed this bill. The state has never funded or incentivized rural broadband before so this is a huge deal. He noted that Federal government is also considering rural infrastructure investment.

Town Manager Rudd advised the passed House Bill 1065 requires the state to study and report back this fall on the universal service fee fund. He noted there are twelve million dollars collected by the state each year from phone lines and it is invested in land lines. The study is due by October 2018 and they will look at how they can possibly use these funds differently.

Town Manager Rudd spoke about Senator Eric Koch sponsoring Senate Bill 269 which is very important for our community. This bill requires INDOT to consider the impact on local economy when they detour traffic on a state highway, plan a bridge repair or road repairs. President King and Vice-President Gore thanked Town Manager Rudd for all his hard work on these bills.

B. KAMENIN, SLOVAKIA SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Town Manager Rudd advised that local resident Dan Owen has agreed to volunteer to formalize their relationship with Kamenin.

C. DUKE ENERGY

Town Manager Rudd passed around information concerning Townsend Tree Service that is removing trees for Duke Energy that are threatening power lines. They have been able to talk with Townsend and asked them to remove some trees that would take out power lines. If anyone knows of any trees that need to be removed they can call Town Administration and they will pass the word on to the Townsend representative.

Town Manager Rudd thanked the Police Department for collecting information concerning non-working street light information as well as Town employees. With this information, Duke Energy repaired thirteen street lights in town.

Town Manager Rudd announced that the Nashville Tree Board would like to apply for a grant to the local Clean Water Indiana Conservation. This is a \$729 grant to remove Bradford pear trees and replacing them with native trees. He asked the Council's permission to move this forward. Councilmember Omberg so moved. Councilmember Rudd seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

D. GOVERNOR'S CENTURY AWARDS NOMINATION

Town Manager Rudd advised the Nashville House in partnership with the Chamber submitted an application for the Governor's Century Awards.

3) UTILITY MANAGER – SEAN CASSIDAY

A. WATER CIP

Utility Manager Cassiday announced they are currently replacing meters and have done about a third of meters already. Things seem to be going well and averaging about 30-35 meter changes a day.

B. PAVING

Utility Manager Cassiday and Administration Manager Carr advised they are ready to send out the paving bid requests for two projects: Hawthorne Street widening and various street paving throughout town. They asked for Council to set a date for the bid opening and suggested, April 5, 2018 at 6:30pm. Council agreed to this date and the bids can be awarded on April 6, 2018.

4) ADMINISTRATION MANAGER – PHYLLIS CARR

A. ROUND 1 & 2 SERVICE BID RECOMMENDATIONS

Administration Manager Carr advised they would be bringing bid recommendations before the Council at next month's meeting.

Town Manager Rudd advised in his neighborhood there is a consensus that they would like to see a speed bump installed. He noted there are speed issues in several neighborhoods throughout Town. Councilmember Omberg commented that if they were going to install speed bumps he would like the long 10 foot wide bumps installed so that it doesn't tear up the snow plows. President King referred to these as speed tables. Discussion. Town Manager Rudd will come back to the Council next month with some estimates and options for the Council to review.

5) POLICE CHIEF – BEN SEASTROM

A. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Police Chief Seastrom advised he has received this year's prospective bill for mowing at the Police Department. His opinion is that this bid is extremely high and asked that the Council cut this from the

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bid and he will mow the property. The proposed bill is a couple thousand dollars for the year and this is money he can spend somewhere else.

Councilmember Omberg asked if there are legal issues since they have already signed the contract. Town Attorney Roberts advised that he should review the contract before giving his advice. Councilmember Omberg made a motion to carve out the mowing at the Police Department from the landscaping contract pending the review of the contract from the Town Attorney. Vice-President Gore seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

B. COUNCIL INQUIRIES

Councilmember Omberg made a motion to accept the Police Merit Commission recommendation for the resignation of Tim True effective March 3, 2018. Councilmember Rudd seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

6) TOWN ATTORNEY JIM ROBERTS

Town Attorney Roberts reported that he had an occasion last month to call upon the Town Police for some service and he received efficient, prompt service from Patrolman Lawson. He was very pleased with his response.

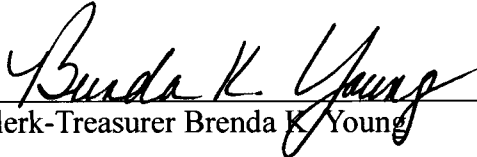
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Town Attorney Roberts advised he knows that there is still a concern regarding the traffic enforcement and he will have something for them to discuss next month.

7) ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Rudd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Omberg seconded the motion. President King adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm.

The audio recording made at the Town Council meeting on 3-15-18 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 Gredy


Councilmember Arthur Omberg


Councilmember Dave Rudd