

**TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023, AT 6:30PM**

**IN PERSON AT NASHVILLE TOWN HALL
200 COMMERCIAL STREET
AND VIDEO CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM MEETING**

ATTENDANCE – Council members present in person – President Jane Gore, Vice-President Tyra Miller, Councilmember Anna Hofstetter, and Councilmember David Rudd. Absent - Councilmember Andi Wilson. Also, in attendance – Police Chief Heather Burris, Town Attorney Wanda Jones, Town Manager Sandie Jones, Chief Administrative Officer Phyllis Carr, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Ferry, and Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young.

1. OPENING THE MEETING – The meeting was called to order by President Gore at 6:30pm.

A. Roll Call – by Clerk-Treasurer Young.

B. Approval of the Agenda – Councilmember Hofstetter motioned to approve the agenda. Vice-President Miller seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS – President Gore opened the Public Hearing at 6:32pm.

A. 2023-02 An Ordinance to Amend the Schedule of Rates and Charges Collected by the Town of Nashville, Indiana for the Use of Water Supplied by the Town of Nashville, Indiana – Questions were asked by those in the audience about why the water rates must be increased. President Gore explained that this increase is because our wholesale water supplier increased their rates. A question was asked if the Brown County State Park had been connected to our water system yet. The Brown County State Park project is still under construction currently. Councilmember Hofstetter advised that she is looking into our current rate structure, and she would like for us to have a progressive rate structure. She hopes to have the proposed changes by the April 20, 2023, Town Council meeting. There was a question regarding maintenance funds for the utilities. Consultant Dax Norton noted that we have some line items for maintenance and repairs, but they are not enough for major capital projects.

There being no further discussion the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2023-02 was closed by President Gore at 6:49pm.

B. 2023-03 An Ordinance to Amend the Sewer Rates and Charges for the Town of Nashville – President Gore opened the Public Hearing at 6:49pm. There were questions regarding the sewer rate structure being based upon the water usage. The sewer rates are currently based upon the water consumption. Comments about the businesses being necessary to our economy but shouldn't get a break the more water they use. Councilmember Hofstetter explained that the sewer rates already have a tiered structure in our current ordinance. Utility Service Board

Member Nancy Crocker spoke about the review process for rate increases and that the Town is on a list for grant funds for utility projects but there are other communities that have higher water and sewer rates than we do. Town Consultant Norton explained the Utility Service Board did a great job of studying the rates and had a Cost-of-Service Study completed. He explained the largest sewer customer is the Brown County State Park and they will even be a bigger customer once they hook on to the sanitary sewer system. They will be by far the largest water customer once the construction is completed, going from about 3,000 gallons per month to about 70,000 gallons per day. President Gore asked if there was any further discussion. There was none and she then closed the Public Hearing at 7:04pm.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Consider 2023-03 An Ordinance to Amend the Sewer Rates and Charges for the Town of Nashville –** Councilmember Hofstetter motioned to have the second reading of Ordinance 2023-03 by title only. Councilmember Rudd seconded. All were unanimously in favor. Councilmember Hofstetter read aloud Ordinance 2023-03 by title only. Councilmember Rudd motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-03. Councilmember Hofstetter seconded. President Gore asked if there were any questions. There were none. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

4. CLERK-TREASURER

- A. Consider Approval of DNR Water Project Claims –** C/T Young presented 3 claims to be approved by the Council. The first one was for Curry and Associates for \$58,098. The second claim was for Striegel Design and Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$501,504 with the final claim to ARa in the amount of \$5,000. Councilmember Rudd motioned to approve the claims. Councilmember Hofstetter seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

C/T Young advised that ARa notified us of the possibility of getting another round of grant funds for the businesses that were affected by Covid-19. The Town has already received two grants that total \$500,000. All the \$500,000 have been disbursed to local businesses that have applied for and been awarded the funds. C/T Young and Town Manager Jones have been working with ARa to get the necessary paperwork ready for submission to the State. If awarded the grant amount would be \$250,000 with the Town providing \$6,250 as a local match from the EDIT funds. Councilmember Rudd motioned to apply for the grant. Councilmember Hofstetter seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT

- A. Consider Authorizing Police Department to Negotiate Contracted Services –** Chief Heather Burris advised that she was approached by some citizens of Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District to have the Nashville Police Department be considered as an option for public safety. She explained that the requested

permission is just for a preliminary negotiation using an interlocal agreement and contract to see if this could possibly bring a beneficial investment to the Town of Nashville, Nashville Police Department, and the Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District. Councilmember Rudd motioned to authorize the Police Department to begin preliminary negotiations using an interlocal agreement and contract to see if this could possibly bring a beneficial investment to the Town of Nashville, Nashville Police Department, and the Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District. Vice-President Miller seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

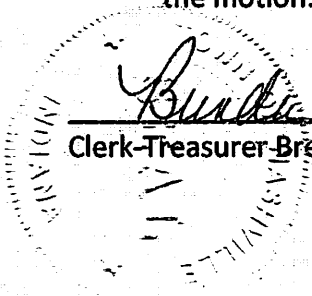
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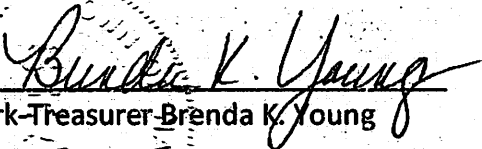
- A. Consider INDOT Agreement for Mural Installation on the Salt Creek Trail –** Town Manager Sandie Jones advised that last month she presented pictures of a proposed Salt Creek Trail Mural to be painted by Kurt Eagleman. Mr. Eagleman received a grant from the state to complete the mural. INDOT asked for confirmation that the Town is allowing the county to maintain the mural since it is located in town. Councilmember Hofstetter motioned to authorize President Gore to sign the confirmation. Vice-President Miller seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

INDOT also asked that the Town also sign the contract along with the county because the bridge is within town limits. Councilmember Hofstetter motioned to authorize President Gore to sign the contract. Vice-President Miller seconded. President Gore, Vice-President Miller and Councilmember Hofstetter were in favor of the motion. Councilmember Rudd was opposed.

- 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL –** There was nothing presented.

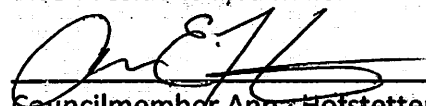
- 8. ADJOURN –** Councilmember Rudd motioned to adjourn. Vice-President Miller seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by President Gore at 7:15pm.




Clerk-Treasurer Brenda K. Young


President Jane Gore


Vice-President Tyra Miller


Councilmember Anna Hofstetter


Councilmember David Rudd


Councilmember Andi Wilson

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