

MINUTES OF NASHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
HELD FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

Kayce Nelson, Clerk

Nashville Village Council Regular session was called to order by President Kenyon on February 13h, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present: Sherry Hummel, Lori Courtney, Ben Page, Henry Felder and Mike Kenyon

Absent: Bonnie White and Johnny Hartwell

**Agenda**

Kenyon moved to add "10.5. Gary White" to the agenda. Motion by Courtney, seconded by Felder to approve the agenda for February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as amended. Ayes –Felder, Hummel, Courtney, Page and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – Hartwell and White. Motion approved.

**Minutes**

Motion by Felder seconded by Hummel to approve the minutes as written from January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Ayes – Courtney, Hummel, Page, Felder and Kenyon. Nays –None. Absent – White and Hartwell. Motion carried.

**Communications** – Kenyon mentioned Tracy Stoline has submitted her resignation. Her last day will be February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Bills**

The attached list of bills totaling \$62,126.65 were presented. A Motion by Hummel seconded by Courtney to allow the February bills as listed to be paid and have orders drawn on the treasurer for the same.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Hummel, Page, Felder, Courtney, and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – White and Hartwell. Motion carried.

**Department Reports – January**

Pierce presented his report. Underhile provided a written report for January.

**Barry County Commissioners report –**

First planning meeting for community Garden is scheduled. County hired Abonmarche Byce to plan for a new jail. County will be spending 5 million dollars on a new commission on aging building that will be attached to Harvest Pointe

**Audience Questions and Comments** – Gary White stated the BC Republican party meets every 4th Thursday at 7pm. There are plenty of reports available for everything going on.

**Gary White**

White explained that the decision that was made to hire Abonmarche Byce for planning and design of new jail was not done properly. The public should have skin in the game. The Barry County Jail AD HOC committee needs to have a Nashville citizen to represent on this board and is looking for a recommendation for White himself to be this representative. After discussion, Felder motioned to recommend Gary White be part of the BC Jail AD HOC committee. Motion failed due to lack of support.

**Public Hearing – 2025-26 Proposed Budget**

Kenyon opened for public comment at 7:24pm.

No public comment.

Felder motioned to close the public comment at 7:26pm. Supported by Courtney. Ayes – Page, Felder, Hummel, Courtney and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – White and Hartwell. Motion carried.

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**Meeting Dates – 2025-26**

A motion to approve the 2025-26 meeting dates was made by Courtney, seconded by Felder. Ayes: - Page, Felder, Courtney, Hummel and Kenyon. Nays: None. Absent: White and Hartwell. Motion Carried.

**307 Sick Leave Benefit Policy**

Nelson presented the updated policy to align with Michigan’s Earned Sick Time Act. Courtney motioned to accept 307 Sick Leave benefit policy as amended 2-13-2025, supported by Felder. Ayes – Page, Hummel, Felder, Courtney and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – Hartwell and White. Motion Carried.

**Rehman Engagement Letter**

Motion by Hummel, supported by Courtney to accept Rehman Engagement letter for fiscal year Audit. Ayes – Hummel, Felder, Page, Courtney and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – White and Hartwell. Motion Carried.

**2025-26 Proposed Budget**

Nelson presented the 2025-26 proposed budget. Explained the General Fund budget still looks a little skewed this year because the sparks grant has been moved into the 2025 year. Motion by Courtney, seconded by Felder to approve the 2025-26 proposed budget. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Felder, Hummel, Page, Courtney and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – Hartwell and White. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports – None.**

**Roundtable**

Felder – Josh great job, I compared and Hastings it is terrible. I applaud everybody.

Courtney – Henry has some good points.

Page – DPW is doing a really good job.

Kenyon – Young couple working with Duska and the BC Foundation for a laundry mat. BC Foundation is funding and coordination clean up of State St Fire. Jeff Keesler will be here in May. February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting is for the year end amended budget.

Motion by Felder, seconded by Courtney to adjourn at 7:40pm. All ayes. Motion carried

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Mike Kenyon, Village President

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Kayce Nelson, Village Clerk