

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
JUNE 22, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Mayor Travis Harper

PLEDGE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Travis Harper

WELCOME: Mayor Travis Harper

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Travis Harper, Aldermen Scott Stalnaker, Billy Retterbush, Eric Gaither, Walter Steward and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

STAFF PRESENT: Mandy Luke, Jackie Jordan, Dawn Morrison, John Reynolds, Peter Schultz, Chief Edwards and Mitchell Moore

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Billy Retterbush made the motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA – Billy Retterbush made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with Executive Session added. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Water Sampling Report – Michael Klink** – Michael Klink with Four Waters Engineering presented information describing sampling locations and results as described in the 2014 annual water monitoring progress report for The City of Nashville, requesting the Mayor’s signature on same, which will be reported to the EDA.
2. **2016 Okefenokee Occasion – Mandy Luke** – Mandy Luke addressed the Council of a bill she received for \$1,500.00 for the upcoming Okefenokee Occasion to take place in January 2016. Mandy said this year Alapaha was the only one to pay the City their portion of \$300.00 further stating in the past, Nashville usually pays the bill then Alapaha, Enigma and Ray City paid the City but this year the only payment received was

from Alapaha and wanted them to consider if that is something the City wants to continue. The Mayor said he will try to get with Enigma and Ray City to try to get them to reimburse the City for their portion.

3. **Budget Workshop – Mandy Luke** – Mandy Luke stated she has tentatively set a date for the Budget Workshop for Monday, June 29, 2015 at 6:00 asking if this is agreeable with the Council. She further explained the remaining dates to advertise it, have it available for public review, hold a public hearing and adopt it based on using this date.

REPORTS

4. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mandy Luke gave the Council members information from the LMIG bid opening held 06/16/2015 for resurfacing part of the Old Valdosta Highway from the City Limits sign back up to the Adel Highway stating East Coast Asphalt's bid was \$65,088.00, Reames & Son was \$68,758.50 and The Scruggs Company was \$68,705.71 asking for approval from the Mayor and Council for one. Mayor Harper stated the LMIG money may be tied to the Service Delivery Strategy and they are having a Service Delivery Strategy meeting with the County Wednesday morning, 06/24/2015, and asked to post pone this until afterwards. Mandy stated this is for money the City has already received. Billy Retterbush asked Peter Schultz about the City using East Coast previously. Peter explained problems getting the work done when going with East Coast previously when they were the lowest bidder and their attempt to change the orders that were not part of the bid which would have been an increase of another \$10,000 at the time. Billy Retterbush made a motion to go with Scruggs Company out of Valdosta. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
5. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell Moore informed the Council he received something from John Hunkele of request of changes on the water distribution system and that Hunkele's recommendation is to keep it according to the plans as originally submitted to Chaparral. Mitchell stated he had received a bond validation and would get with them and Mandy Luke when he is in receipt of the originals. He also updated the Council that he still has not received the contract in connection with the DPP gas project and gave an update on timelines in connection with this gas project and funds. Mitchell mentioned Buck Warren's concern surrounding the personal care homes concerning our statute which has to be formulated. Mitchell brought up the subject of the Collaborative building discussing the City had applied for the grant and that it was titled in the name of the Berrien County Collaborative, not in the name of the City, but under the terms of the grant, The City of Nashville had some responsibilities of the maintenance of the building and insurance coverage. He also discussed the repayment terms. Scott Stalnaker asked about the insurance and Mandy Luke said the City has been insuring it. Mitchell said the City needs to decide how it is to be titled. Scott Stalnaker said he thought the original grant called for it reverting back to them for \$1.00 after the terms were fulfilled. Billy

Retterbush asked who would be responsible for insurance coverage at the end of the twenty year term and Mitchell said it should be up to them if it reverted back to them.

- 6. Department Head's** – Mayor Harper asked Peter Schultz the status of the Griner Street/Smith Street closing. Peter stated they have put up barricades but people are still going back in that area. Mayor Harper asked Mitchell if there is a public hearing procedure we need to go thru in order to close it which Mitchell confirmed there is. Scott Stalnaker said he thinks we should hold off on that until the project is finalized in case it can be used. Dawn Morrison stated the neighborhood wants this section closed. Scott Stalnaker asked Peter Schultz and John Reynolds if the City has any utilities going up that way to which they answered none to their knowledge. The Mayor stated the Council already voted to close it and asked Mitchell to begin the process to formally close it and there was brief discussion on it. Dawn Morrison stated the Chamber of Commerce and Mainstreet would like to apply for a grant but it has to be done through the City and further explained it is a dollar for dollar match which they have the money for so there would be no cost to the City but it would just have to be done through the City. Mellisa Watson made a motion to allow them to apply for the grant in the City's name using their money. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Chief Edwards stated the Police Department has concluded their investigation of the recent gunfire incident at the Blue Swan and further stated they have made an arrest and will send them a briefing sheet Tuesday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mellisa Watson asked Dawn about the grant for repairs. Dawn stated it would be advertised weeks in advance of when applications could be made. Mellisa said she went to the first board meeting of the Recreation Board. She said they discussed the school board going in on halves to replace the nets at the tennis courts. Scott Stalnaker said he discussed this with the Chairperson, Henry Ford, of the School Board who confirmed they were willing to do this and asked about a written contract. Mitchell said there was a contract already written of which they are in possession of but have not signed and returned it. Scott said he also spoke with Brad McCall who plays tennis with a group and they have a small fund, the Dr. Salanga Fund, which they are willing to contribute a portion of. Scott said he recommends the City paying for it then bill them for their portion. After brief discussion of the contract, Mitchell asked Scott to mention it to Mr. Ford if he is already in contact with him about this. Scott said he does not want to tie up this issue with the contract but just ask for their commitment on this issue. Scott Stalnaker made a motion for the City to go ahead and purchase the nets then get with the School Board about

paying their portion. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Billy Retterbush asked when they plan to discuss the Blue Flame incident. Mayor Harper said they can discuss it prior to the next Council meeting at 5:30 on July 13, 2015. Mayor Harper reminded the Council of the Service Delivery Strategy meeting with the County Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Scott asked to go ahead and schedule another meeting in case the meeting does not go in our favor. The Council tentatively scheduled a meeting Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at City Hill if necessary which may be cancelled if not needed. Eric Gaither made a motion to go into Executive Session @ 6:55 pm. The motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Stalnaker and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:55 P.M. – 7:07 P.M.

RESUME REGULAR MEETING

At 7:07 p.m. a motion was made by Billy Retterbush to come out of Executive Session. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Eric Gaither made a motion to proceed with Mitchell Moore sending a letter as discussed in the Executive Session. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Scott Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Travis Harper

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderwoman Mellisa Watson

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Walter Steward

ATTEST:

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk