

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
AUGUST 10, 2015  
6:00 P.M.**

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Retterbush

**PLEDGE:** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Retterbush

**WELCOME:** Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Retterbush

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Hunkele, Allen Davis, Bryan Shaw, Skeeter Parker, Brenda Thomas.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS** – Eric Gaither made the motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA** – Mellisa Watson made the motion to adopt the formal agenda. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Loft Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Mitchell Moore** – Mitchell stated this is a matter that has been pending since the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and discussed it including section B, describing the number of bedrooms, in addition to the minimum square footage. He proposed submitting the ordinance to be posted making it available to the public and running the publication. He further stated this constitutes the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.
2. **Rawhide/Winfab – M.O.U. Ratification – Mitchell Moore** – Mitchell described the ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding, stating John Hunkele is present at the

meeting if any questions, between the Development Authority and the City providing agreement whereby The Development Authority has \$294,000 that has been appropriated and if they don't apply it to a waste water treatment facility by September 15<sup>th</sup>, they will lose the funding. Mitchell further explained this has been discussed previously in open meeting and has already been signed by the Mayor and City Clerk because it need to be done but this is a ratification of that action. Scott Stalnaker stated he is abstaining from any action on this matter due to serving on the board of The Development Authority. Antonio Carter made a motion to ratify the M.O.U. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with the exception of Scott Stalnaker who abstained due to serving on the Development Authority Board.

Later in the meeting, after Department Head reports, Mitchell addressed the M.O.U. again in regards to the contractor starting the project, invoices and how payments are made under the M.O.U.

3. **Resolution Adopting Recommendation of Watkins & Associates Awarding Contract for Gas Line Extension from Nashville to Alapaha to Little River Contractors – Mitchell Moore** – Mitchell stated this is a reaffirmation of a previous matter and recounts the fact that there were questions and concerns of the bids and stated the Mayor and Council previously adopted the resolution and approved the recommendation of Watkins Engineer of the lowest responsive bidder subject to the concurrence of the EDA officials. Scott Stalnaker made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
  
4. **Tree in front of Fulp Jeweler's – Eric Gaither** – Eric stated he had been contacted by the owners of Fulp Jeweler's concerning the tree in front of their business asking for the tree to be trimmed down below their sign. Eric further stated Keen Realty and the Mexican restaurant having the same issue. The Mayor asked Dawn Morrison if he had been trimmed a couple of weeks ago. Dawn said she went today and spoke with the owners of Keen Realty, the Mexican restaurant and Zeigler Insurance explaining their response to her was they were happy to have the trees. She said Keen Realty asked if it could be thinned out a little more so she spoke with Peter Schultz and they are going to go back again this week. Dawn further stated she had paid The Cottage twice to trim Mr. Fulp's tree stating the tree is appropriately trimmed and Peter had been several times to trim it but if they keep trimming it, it will not be able to provide shade once it gets taller. Dawn further explained Nashville had won a state award and was asked to speak at a state convention because of how nice the trees look around the square. Bryan Shaw spoke on the issue discussing the type signage they have and the type they need further stating he would be glad to help them with achieving the correct signage. Dawn mentioned to Bryan there is grants available to pay half the costs for signage. Billy Retterbush also pointed out we are a tree city USA and there are guidelines for that too. Eric expressed his gratitude to Dawn for her diligence and concern in these matters.

## REPORTS

5. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mandy Luke stated she had received an email copy of the Audit and Mike would be scheduling a time soon to present it to the Council. Mandy further stated she had talked with the local banks regarding the bridge loan that was discussed at the previous meeting. Mandy also said she has a notice to proceed and an agreement for the LMIG project for the Old Valdosta Highway between the city limit sign and the Adel Highway needing it signed by the Mayor.
6. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell Moore stated he had been contacted by a structural engineer concerning the McLamb building indicating he agrees the building, as is, is unsafe according to code and indicated the owner is going to have to take immediate, remedial measures and put a roof on the building to protect it, preserve it and prohibit further deterioration. Mitchell said he sent a copy of the engineer's letter to Henry Yawn. Mitchell said the recommendation is they have to put a roof on it which they have acknowledged. Mitchell further explained Bryan Shaw has indicated he would be willing to work with the Mayor and Council and Historic Commission from the stand point that this building falls under their jurisdiction. Bryan Shaw said by ordinance it is their responsibility to help preserve. Mr. Shaw further explained the structural engineer said the building is sound but the condition of the inside is the problem needing to get it dried out and aired out so it does not deteriorate any further. Mr. Shaw said they are willing to work with what the Council wants to do and they have to have the Council's authority to do anything. Mellisa Watson asked if they would have a certain period of time to get the roof on. Mitchell said yes, they will have a time line or it will continue to deteriorate and pointed out that the recommendation was that it be dried in, in addition to the roof, so that it can be preserved and suggests having Henry Yawn review it. Mitchell said the structural engineer concurred with what we had been advised that if something was not done, it is going fall in but he further stated as far as the structural integrity of the walls, it does not pose a risk to the public at large outside from what he has ascertained. Mr. Bryan Shaw said his board met tonight, recognized, confirmed, and agreed with the engineer that it has been failed to be maintained so the motion has been passed and the fact that it needs to be dried in and dried out which are the two things they require in order for it to be a preserved building. Mitchell reiterated the City does not want the building and the main concern is having the building preserved so it is not lost. Mitchell next brought up the subject of the recent action taken on the Blue Flame stating there is no litigation at this time although there has been an appeal filed concerning revocation of the licenses. There was further discussion of a hearing with the Mayor and Council deciding who would be at the hearing and when it may be so Mitchell could notify Mr. Davis. Mitchell next discussed the closing of a street at Griner and Smith along with the necessary procedures and in regards to adjoining land owners.
7. **Department Head's** – Chief Edwards addressed the Mayor and Council concerning the traffic flow problem at the Primary School stating he had a meeting with Mr. Danny Hayes and Dr. L. Drawdy, with the School Superintendent's office, in regards to traffic flow and traffic control devices. He further stated he was able to get Georgia Department of Transportation since it is adjacent to a state highway with a result of D.O.T. deciding

to make recommendations and help with expense. Chief Edwards also gave a brief update of how well traffic flow had been on August 10<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school. Chief Edwards explained details of a visit by Tammy Carter inquiring of renting a local business building for purposes of a member's only club that would have get together for purposes of karaoke and socializing with absolutely no retail purposes. Chief Edwards further explained the inquiry was to see if there would be anything that would prohibit that if they brought their own alcohol. Chief Edwards explained his researching state laws, regulations, City ordinances, etc. and does not find where there would be anything to prohibit them from doing that stating it would be no different than someone having a get together at their home.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Brenda Thomas explained them having a back to school party a couple weeks ago for the kids at the Park on Beetree. She asked about getting electricity at the park. The Mayor explained none of the City parks have or provide electricity. Mrs. Thomas also mentioned about the trash pickup at the park. She also expressed her gratitude for getting the water turned on for it.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mellisa Watson expressed her thanks to John and Peter for all their help and to Chief Edwards for how well the school traffic flow had gone. Mellisa also stated she had received calls about fireworks and Chief Edwards explained the recent, new law concerning fireworks stating he is currently working with the fire chief and the state fire marshal on more details of what is allowed. Billy Retterbush expressed his thanks to all the City employees for all their hard work. Eric Gaither asked Dawn about the status of the Edgewood Apartment project. Dawn answer it would be September before they know. Mayor Harper reminded everyone of the Betty Dupree Health Center opening the next day from 2:00 – 4:00. The Mayor also addressed the Council he spoke with Christina Allen over Elections in regards to anyone whose term is not up this year who may be interested in resigning to run for another position. He said Christina said if there has to be a special election to fill any seats, it would cost the City between \$5,000 - \$7,500 but if the resignation comes by Wednesday or Thursday of this week, she can probably get the special election lined up to hold it during the regular election which would save the City that money.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Scott Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Travis Harper

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Alderman Eric Gaither

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Alderwoman Mellisa Watson

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Alderman Antonio Carter

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Alderman Billy Retterbush

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Alderman Scott Stalnaker

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Alderman Walter Steward

**ATTEST:**

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Jackie Jordan, City Clerk