

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
SEPTEMBER 28, 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, Antonio Carter, Walt Steward and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

STAFF PRESENT: Mandy Luke, Jackie Jordan, Chief Edwards, and Mitchell Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hunkele, Bryan Shaw, Keith Stone, Larry Osheim.

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 – Scott Stalnaker made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the addition of item #2-parking issues around the square by Walt Steward. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Adoption of Tax Millage Rate – Mandy Luke** – Mandy approached the Council to vote to set the tax millage rate at 8 mils stating it has been 8 mils for the last several years. She said the ad for the 5 year history has run in the paper September 14th and September 21st so the millage rate needs to be set so the tax bills can go out by October 20th. Billy Retterbush made a motion to adopt the tax millage rate at 8 mils. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Parking Issues Around the Square – Walt Steward** – Walt Steward addressed the issue of parking on both sides of the road along with the state highway on Saturday nights since the Auction has started on the corner of the square at the old Bailey Appliance Center building. Mayor Harper asked Chief Edwards how to address that. Chief Edwards said there were some no parking signs at one time that were taken up by D.O.T. by the Downtown Center but there shouldn't be anyone parking where Walt is talking about. Chief said he would survey it tomorrow and ask the shifts to watch for it. Billy Retterbush said he didn't think it would be a permanent problem because they are trying to sell the building but someone may need to speak to the Turners about it. Chief Edwards asked Mr. Steward if he thought it was a traffic hazard. Walt said Saturday night around 8:00, when he came through there, there was traffic along both sides of Jefferson Street and Bryan Shaw agreed that is a bad time. Walt further stated with the traffic along both sides of the road, Jefferson was basically reduced to a one way street at that point and with parking along the state highway, he could not see. Mayor Harper suggested to ask the Turners to make an announcement about it.

REPORTS

3. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – None.
4. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell stated he has not heard anything else from BiLo regarding the issue from the last meeting. Mitchell spoke of the YES Center/Family Connection under the 2003 CDBG Grant stating the property should have been titled in the name of the City. He said he was approached about it and said Sara Paulk was trying to get the authorities or school's attorney to have it done so Mitchell has prepared it to have it conveyed into the City of Nashville. He said it needs to be done because of the way it was applied for and it will be done retroactively. He also brought up the subject of pecan trees around the building regarding limbs that need to be cut and disposed of which the Council discussed. The Council agreed for Mitchell to move forward with getting the property deeded into the City. Mitchell asked the Council about restriping the parking spots at the Post Office. Mayor Harper said he had spoken with them prior to the changing to the one way direction and he would mention it to them. Mitchell next brought up the subject of drainage in one section of Dogwood Drive by the Turners' house in regards to placement of residents' yard debris in the area. Mellisa Watson said she brought this up a while back and said Peter had looked at it and said there was a problem of roots grown into the drains which will have to be dug out and is on the list of items to be done.
5. **Department Head's** – None but John Hunkele updated the Council on the 2 EIP projects around Chaparral giving details indicating they are near completion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keith Stone mentioned the barricade at Edgewood and Smith stating people are pushing it over and going through it.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mellisa Watson extended her thanks to Crissy Staley and Janet Studstill for the job well done with the Harvest Festival and asked about the progress of finding a replacement for Dawn Morrison's vacant position. Mandy Luke updated them of plans to interview the applicants this week stating that Dawn would be involved to explain the job and requirements. Eric Gaither asked about the striping on Smith Ave at the intersection with Davis Street to keep the traffic to the side to help the buses to have enough room when turning onto Smith Ave. Mayor Harper also mentioned how well Crissy and the staff did with the Harvest Festival. The Mayor also brought up the subject of radio read meters and a work session was scheduled for October 7th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Antonio Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Scott Stalnaker 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