

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
OCTOBER 26, 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 Billy Retterbush, Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Allen Davis, Kyle Pearson, Bob Ellis, Billy Mathis, Clarence Luke, Bertrum Fountain, Patrick Owens, Quanay Carter.

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

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA – Billy Retterbush made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the addition of Okefenokee Occasion. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Surplus Equipment – Mandy Luke** – Mandy presented a list of equipment along with some pictures and asked the Council which way they wanted to handle it for auction. Billy Retterbush made a motion to declare the list as surplus equipment. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The council also discussed using GovDeals.com or Iron Planet and the costs for each asking Mandy to inquire on the costs involved.

2. **Water Meter Project Bids – Travis Harper** – Mayor Harper mentioned the discussion from the work session on October 7th and asked the Council to authorize to put it out for bids to get actual numbers to make a decision. Antonio Carter made a motion to put this out for bids. Mellisa Watson said she thinks it is a great project but does not think we have the money to do it at this time. Billy Retterbush asked if there would be a fee to get the bids and Mayor Harper said there would be a fee. Billy Retterbush and Eric Gaither both stated they are against it at this time. Mayor Harper said he thinks it will save the citizens money and the head of the Water Department is for it. Mellisa asked John Reynolds if he is for it and he said he is. The Council discussed some of the costs again and whether or not John would still need another employee. The Mayor said this project would have nothing to do with the City's water rates. Mandy Luke said she thinks the only way the City might could do it is if the full time position that is open is not filled. The Council and John discussed the time it takes to read meters now. Mitchell Moore asked about a vehicle to attach the monitoring device to and Mandy said the limb truck has a route he takes every week they might could attach it to. The Mayor discussed the money the City would save due to the loan forgiveness from the State. Mellisa asked what the fee would be for the bids and Mayor Harper said he did not know because when they put the bids together the fee would be added in at that time. Antonio Carter said he would like to get the bids to see what the amounts would be and then make a decision. Mayor Harper said Scott Stalnaker and Walt Steward are for it and would have enough to move forward if they were present.
3. **Okefenokee Occasion – Travis Harper** – Mandy Luke said Okefenokee Occasion is set for January 13th and our cost is \$1,500 and the bill needs to be paid if we are going to participate. She said Alapaha was the only one to pay last year. Mayor Harper said Ray City is not going to be involved and possibly Enigma. The development authority is going to pay for the gift bag and he thinks it would be a good idea for the new main street director to go to meet some people which has worked out well in the past. Mellisa Watson made a motion to approve it. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

4. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mandy asked the Council if anyone is planning to attend the GMA district eleven fall meeting Thursday, November 19th at Nashville Community Center at 11:00 a.m. Antonio Carter and Mayor Harper said they would attend. The Mayor asked about caterers and said Michael Richbourg would also go. Mandy mentioned the DOT Commissioner Luncheon at 11:30, Friday, November 13th at the County Administrative Center. Mellisa, Travis and Antonio said they would try to attend. Mandy reminded everyone the Vietnam Veterans Wall will be on display November 11th-14th at noon at the V.F.W., the opening ceremony will be Wednesday, November 11th from 11:00 to 12:00, a certificate of honor ceremony on Thursday,

November 12th from 10:00 to 12:00 and a closing ceremony on Saturday from 11:00 to 12:00.

5. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell said the WinFab Part A is complete but have not started with Part B. He mentioned he thought Sara Paulk's board met on the 21st but he has not heard back from them yet on the execution of the deed back into the City. He said he has no word yet on the REDLG loan and is concerned with the budget process. Mandy asked if he had any idea when we might know about it and he said no, it is 100% contingent upon the funding. Mandy said they have already started the project so she would need to go ahead with a bridge loan if it was going to be very long. Mitchell mentioned the procedure with the cemetery deeds stating it should be executed by the City Manager, attested by the City Clerk and involvement of someone with the knowledge of the cemetery layout.

6. **Department Head's** – Peter updated the Council they are four to five miles into the gas line project. Chief Edwards discussed the anticipated traffic situation with the arrival of the Vietnam Wall about 4:20 on Monday, November 9th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Allen Davis commended Paul Stagner and the Police Department concerning a situation where pecans were being stolen on his mother's property recently. Bob Ellis approached the Council concerning the one way street next to the Post Office discussing the problems he has seen and experienced and his opposition to it. Billy Retterbush made a motion to go back to regular two-way traffic at the Post Office. Eric Gaither seconded the motion, Antonio Carter voted yes, and Mellisa Watson voted no.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mellisa asked when the new employee, Jill Wise, will start which will be November 2nd. Chief Edwards asked about advertising on changing the traffic direction back to two-way traffic. Mayor Harper stated he had received a letter from DCA/Regional Commission concerning CDBG's for next year and they need to start thinking about possible projects for next year. Mayor Harper re-visited the water meter project explaining why he thinks it is a project the City needs to do.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Billy Retterbush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Eric Gaither 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