

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
NOVEMBER 9, 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, Scott Stalnaker and Eric Gaither.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mandy Luke, Jackie Jordan, Jill Wise, Chief Edwards, John Reynolds and Mitchell Moore.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Allen Davis, Alonzo Martinez, Cleon Knight, Bob Ellis, Bryan Shaw, John Hunkele, John Black, Frank Watts, Theodore Herrera, Brenda Thomas.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

The Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Travis Harper. The group did not form a quorum so no motion could be made on any items listed on the agenda.

Mayor Harper asked for comments and reports from the group.

## REPORTS

**City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mandy presented information regarding sale of surplus equipment discussing GovDeals.com versus Iron Planet stating Iron Planet is 2.5% where GovDeals.com is 12% and thinks we should go with Iron Planet.

**City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell Moore stated he had spoken with Mrs. Hudson on the RDLEG loan who contacted Mrs. Grimes in Athens and they have no idea when the funds will come through. He explained the funding availability for the 2015 year came thru in March 2015 and the money was gone by May so it may be as late as March 2016. He mentioned he had been working with Mandy on the bridge loan which Mandy was going to discuss with them. Mitchell brought up the issue of the animal ordinance stating there is no limitation on the number of dogs per household in the current ordinance and he is researching the issue.

**Department Head's** – Chief Edwards mentioned the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall had arrived in Nashville this afternoon stating it will be here until Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, and gave a brief schedule of events. Chief Edwards also mentioned he put a citizens alert in the Berrien Press of a telephone scam allegedly from Georgia Power targeting business owners claiming their power bill is overdue.

Jill Wise introduced herself as the new director of the Main Street program. She mentioned Shop Small Saturday on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, and the incentive is going to be a Zip Line ride at the Farmers Market for every \$15.00 local purchase. She also mentioned the Lighting of the Christmas tree on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Christmas Parade & Winter Wonderland Snow event on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cleon Knight and Bob Ellis both voiced their opinions against the Mayor's Veto of the Council's decision to revert one-way traffic back to two-way traffic by the Post Office at the last Council Meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> along with their opposition to the one-way traffic direction.

Mr. Herrera spoke on the Mayor's right to Veto and congratulated Eric Gaither on re-election of his seat.

Mitchell Moore briefly discussed the passing of motions and passing of ordinances and resolutions as defined in the Charter as it pertains to this incidence.

Mayor Harper suggested discussing this at another meeting when the full council is present since nothing can be voted on at this meeting.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Harper asked if anything needed to be addressed before the next scheduled meeting. Mandy Luke said she thought the submittal resolution had to be done by a certain date before the next meeting.

Mitchell Moore mentioned the bridge loan again stating he thought Mandy needed clarification as she has taken the necessary steps to get the loan. Mandy Luke discussed the amount of the loan due to the EDA being a reimbursement grant of which the first draw cannot be requested until the project is 25% complete. Then, payment has to be made before they reimburse the City which can take 3-4 weeks and that is only 60% of it so she is wondering if the loan needs to be more than 40% of the project as originally discussed. Mandy said the rate would be the same. The Mayor asked if the City had received the CD's from Tifton and Mitchell said he thought the Mayor was going to contact the Mayor of Tifton regarding the issue and there was further discussion concerning that loan.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Mayor Harper asked for the meeting to stand adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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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