

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
JANUARY 11, 2016  
6:00 P.M.**

**INVOCATION:** Keith Stone

**PLEDGE:** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Michael Richbourg

**WELCOME:** Mayor Michael Richbourg

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jackie Jordan, Jill Wise, Chief Edwards, John Reynolds, Peter Schultz, Henry Yawn and Mitchell Moore.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. & Mrs. Richbourg, Nicole Richbourg, Travis Harper, Mr. & Mrs. Guy Tittle, Mr. & Mrs. Bo Lovein, Joy Williams, Betty Jean Simpson, Margie Tygart, Bryan Shaw, Allen Davis, Larry Osheim, John Black, Brenda Thomas.

**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** – Mellisa Watson made the motion to adopt the formal agenda. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Swearing In of New Mayor & Newly Elected Officials – Mitchell Moore** – The City Attorney, Mitchell Moore, issued the Oath to the new Mayor, Michael Richbourg, and re-elected Aldermen Antonio Carter and Eric Gaither along with Alderwoman Mellisa Watson. They all affirmed the Oath.

2. **Special Presentation to Former Mayor Travis Harper – Mayor Michael Richbourg** – Mayor Richbourg asked the former Mayor, Travis Harper, to step forward and presented a plaque to him on behalf of the Citizens, Council & Employees of the City of Nashville in appreciation of his years of service.
  
3. **Assignment of Council to Mayor Pro-Tem & Departments – Mayor Michael Richbourg** – Mayor Richbourg assigned Mellisa Watson to replace Billy Retterbush as Mayor Pro-Tem and stated the Council will remain in the positions they currently hold over the departments which are Scott Stalnaker over Gas and Street Department, Eric Gaither over Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries, Antonio Carter over Water and Sewer Department, Billy Retterbush over Public Safety, Mellisa Watson over Economic and Community Development and Walt Steward over Sanitation Department. Scott Stalnaker made a motion to accept these assignments as stated. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

4. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – A letter and email was printed and given to the Mayor and each of the Council for their review in regards to the deadline of the principal forgiveness loan for the radio read meter project by the City Clerk per instructions of the City Manager in her absence.
  
5. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell Moore addressed the Mayor and Council stating he enjoys serving his home town and working with the Council and is looking forward to working with Michael Richbourg as the new Mayor.
  
6. **Department Head's** – Chief Edwards, Peter Schultz, and Jill Wise congratulated Michael Richbourg as the new Mayor. Jill Wise stated the next event will be Nashville's annual chili cook off on February 6, 2016 from 11:00 to 3:00 around the fountain down town.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Larry Osheim, representing the American Legion, extended his thanks to Chief Edwards, the Police Department and everyone else for all the help with the October and November events. He also stated there will be Korean (War) Remembrance event on February 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and a Vietnam Welcome Home event on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

The Council extended their congratulations to the new Mayor, Michael Richbourg. Scott Stalnaker also extended his thanks to former Mayor, Travis Harper, for all of his work as Mayor. Mayor Richbourg extended a heartfelt thanks to his wife, Nicole Richbourg, for her support and extended an invitation to everyone to join him for a reception at the Tin Roof Market.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Billy Retterbush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Michael Richbourg

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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