

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
JANUARY 25, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: John Reynolds

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, Walt Steward and Alderwoman Mellisa W. Brown.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Allen Davis, John Hunkele, Kyle Pearson, Donna Close, Donna Herrin, Brenda Thomas, David Purvis

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 – Eric Gaither made the motion to adopt the formal agenda adding item #3, parking issue on North Jefferson near the intersection of North Jefferson and Marion Avenue. Mellisa Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Selection of Engineer for 2016 CDBG – Mandy Luke** – Mandy Luke explained she, John and Peter had a meeting with Kim Hobbs with the Regional Commission to discuss the possibility of a project for the 2016 CDBG that would cover water, sewer and storm drain problems the City has been having. She also explained in order to apply, an engineer has to be selected so the City advertised for requests for

proposals (RFP's) from engineers and received nine (9). She explained a list of questions required by DCA that the regional commission provided to grade each such as how many points to give for each of the nine (9) questions based on such things as error & omissions insurance, past projects, etc. Mandy provided a spreadsheet of who submitted RFP's, their location, years in business, the CDBG score, with the highest being 36, engineering fees and whether they have previously completed a project for Nashville. According to this report, Coastal Engineering would be the best selection. Billy Retterbush made a motion to use Coastal Engineering for the 2016 CDBG. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Approval of New Beer & Wine Application for Flash Foods (due to new ownership) - Mayor Michael Richbourg** – Mayor Richbourg presented the application for Flash Foods due to change of ownership. After Chief Edwards confirmed there were no issues, Mellisa Brown made a motion to approve the license. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3. **Parking issue on North Jefferson near intersection of North Jefferson & Marion – Scott Stalnaker** – Scott stated this issued had been brought up once before by Walt Steward and the Council had asked Chief Edwards to go by to talk to the Turner's about not parking in the roadway on Jefferson by the old Bailey's Appliance building where they are holding auctions. The Council discussed with the Chief what may be the best way to help traffic flow and stop the parking in this area including signage and paint. Scott Stalnaker made a motion to allow the Chief and Peter Schultz to notify everyone and put up the proper signage and paint as necessary in this section. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

4. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mandy Luke extended her thanks to the Council for their understanding of her absence in the recent sickness and death in her family.

5. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell Moore brought up the current TE project (phase III) regarding parking and the closing of East Street stating a decision needed to be made as to whether the City will go with the plans as originally drawn. He explained there had been some questions as to how much of that street to close due to some of the business owners' concerns as to access for deliveries

and further stated the current sidewalks are pretty dilapidated. He explained with the project being approximately \$197,000 to consider the aesthetics need and if it were reduced by 20%, it would have to be re-bid. He further explained the need of a decision to be made tonight due to deadlines, length of time to receive items needing to be ordered and the time needed to carry out the project. After further discussion, Billy Retterbush made a motion to proceed with the project as written pending any additional information within the next two weeks to be brought to the Council's attention for the next meeting. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mitchell reiterated this is an 80/20 reimbursement type project.

6. **Department Head's** – Jill Wise gave an update that the Annual Chili Cook-off is being moved from Saturday, February 6th to February 27th and will be from 11:00 to 3:00 with set up starting at 9:00. John Reynolds let the Council know they would be replacing a water line beginning at the Fire Department going to the red light and would let them know more after a meeting he is having Wednesday with D.O.T.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Purvis of 1007 Virginia Street stated he has lived here about five (5) years and complained about how his road, which is dirt/gravel, is being maintained asking if the City could bring in a few loads of gravel to fill the holes. Mayor Richbourg asked Peter Schultz if it is a City street and advised Mr. Purvis the City would look at it and try to figure out what could be done.

Chester Brand of 902 East Marion spoke to the Council asking for a load of dirt to fill in pot holes on the right of way at his property. He also asked for a status of a beer license that was already approved. Scott Stalnaker stated it had been approved subject to Mitchell reviewing it. Chief Edwards asked him if he renewed his business license. Mayor Richbourg advised Mr. Brand to see about completing the business license process via contact with Mr. Yawn concerning completion of code and fire inspection needed.

Donna Close of 313 Bartow addressed the Council concerning how dark it is in her neighborhood asking for a streetlight. Mayor Richbourg asked for Peter, John or the Chief to look into this and they would decide what could be done if anything. She also expressed her concern about the piles of debris at the old high school and the Mayor stated that was County property and they would mention it to them.

Donna Herrin of 304 East Washington addressed the Council concerning the number of times her yard debris is picked up versus not being picked up due to holidays, etc.

Brenda Thomas of 908 Martin Luther King Drive thanked the Chief and his staff for the help with the Martin Luther King Day parade along with a thank you to Antonio Carter and Scott Stalnaker for attending the festivities.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Mayor extended a Welcome Home to Walt Steward on behalf of the Council and Walt Steward extended his thanks to the Mayor, Council and employees in his absence. Mellisa Watson asked Mitchell about the progress at the old Buddy's building. Scott Stalnaker and Mitchell said they have been and still are working on it. Scott Stalnaker asked Peter about the lights at the tennis courts. Peter said four (4) of the ballasts have been replaced with three (3) more needing replacement which they are working on. Mayor Richbourg stated he, Billy Retterbush and Antonio Carter went to the Mayors Day conference in Atlanta and he, Jill Wise and Crissy Staley went to the Okefenokee Occasion in Atlanta as well. Mayor Richbourg also mentioned Keith Stone works for Bryan Kemp stating Keith introduced them to Mr. Kemp and Mr. Kemp had given him his contact information including his cell phone number which he thought was very nice.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Scott Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Michael Richbourg

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderwoman Mellisa W. Brown

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Walter Steward

ATTEST:

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk