

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
FEBRUARY 8, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Bryan Shaw

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, Jill Wise, Chief Edwards, John Reynolds, Peter Schultz and Mitchell Moore.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Billy Retterbush made the motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting of January 25, 2016 with correction of the spelling of Bryan Kemp to Brian Kemp in the Council Comments. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Antonio Carter made the motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting of January 28, 2016. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA – Mellisa Brown made the motion to adopt the formal agenda. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Radio Read Meters – Mayor Michael Richbourg** – Mayor Richbourg discussed when he went to Atlanta in January he spoke with Chris Roessler, Mayor of Glenville, and Amy Murray, City Manager of Glenville, who are just finishing up with installation of electronic read meters in addition to speaking with Harry Harvey, Mayor of Summerville, who is about to do the same. Mayor Richbourg explained he wanted to bring this up since time is running out to apply for the GEFA (Georgia Environmental Finance Authority) loan with 40% principal

forgiveness and wants to discuss moving forward with the application process, as opposed to deciding on the actual project at this time, since the deadline is March 7, 2016. Scott Stalnaker made a motion to move forward with the loan application process. Walt Steward seconded the motion. Eric Gaither asked if the engineer had already been selected and Mayor Richbourg said G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers had done some preliminary work because of their experience with the project. Billy Retterbush mentioned the Engineer had not been brought up before the Council before that decision was made by the previous Mayor and he does not feel comfortable with this. Mayor Richbourg said the purpose of bringing the matter before the Council is to reserve the City's right to apply for the 40% forgiveness loan. The final engineer for this project will be addressed if the City chooses to go forward with the project. Upon roll call vote, Walt Steward, Scott Stalnaker, Antonio Carter and Mellisa Brown voted yes with Eric Gaither and Billy Retterbush voting against it. The motion passed four (4) to two (2).

2. **2016 CDBG Conflict of Interest Requirements – Mandy Luke** – Mandy Luke and the Council discussed applying for the 2016 CDBG funding for proposed Streets, Drainage, Water and Sewer Improvements Project in the area including the streets of Lucille, South Berrien, parts of Adel highway, Joiner, College, Rogers, Howard, Gary, Dennis and Bay. Council members, Billy Retterbush and Mellisa Brown disclosed they need to abstain due to ownership of property in the Target Area where improvements are scheduled to take place. Billy Retterbush and Mellisa Brown disclosed for the record to be recorded in the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting on February 8, 2016 of the Council a statement fully and publicly disclosing their potential conflict of interest. Billy Retterbush and Mellisa Brown will not participate in any future deliberations or decisions of the Council with respect to the project affecting their property. Mayor Richbourg also disclosed property on Janice Ave and would not participate in discussions nor vote which he does not do except in the event of a tie. Antonio Carter made a motion to approve the Resolution. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with Billy Retterbush and Mellisa Brown abstaining.
3. **Repair Pump at Lift Station on Jackson Street \$12,500 – John Reynolds** – John explained there is three pumps at this lift station and one needs to be repaired or replaced. He got a price from a motor shop in Brunswick and another representative. He explained repairing would be \$12,500 versus a new one which would be \$25,000 further stating if the repair would include an improvement to the motor, SPLOST money could be used as opposed to using the Water Fund money. Billy Retterbush made a motion to repair the pump at the lift station on Jackson Street. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Scott

Stalnaker stated he wanted him to make sure it would qualify to use the SPLOST money.

4. **Intergovernmental Agreement & Resolution for 2018 SPLOST – Mayor Michael Richbourg** – Mayor Richbourg explained this was from the meeting held with the County on January 28th and asked Mandy about verification of difference in numbers of what the County listed for the Admin building versus what they received in the last six year SPLOST, Mandy has contacted the County about and is waiting on a response. Scott Stalnaker made a motion to approve the Resolution and IGA pending clarification of the Final numbers allowing Mayor Richbourg to execute the joint Resolution and IGA as revised by the City Manager. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

5. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mandy stated she received a letter stating we are getting \$53,542.82 for the 2016 LMIG program which is for street paving. She also stated the City has been approved for the \$500,000 grant for the extension to WINFAB.
6. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell stated the minutes should reflect that the City Council discussed applying for the 2016 CDBG for Streets, Drainage, Water and Sewer Improvements Project describing the target area and that Council members residing in or owning property in the target area had announced they would abstain from discussing or voting on the project. Mitchell further explained working with Mandy on K & E Solar payment concerning taxes to the County.
7. **Department Head's** – Jill Wise reminded everyone of the upcoming Annual Chili Cook-off taking place Saturday, February 27th from 11:00 to 3:00. Jill further explained the windows around the square are being painted for the upcoming rodeo which is being done by the County (The Chamber) and the individual businesses are responsible for cleaning them by a specified time. John Reynolds stated he has been in contact with D.O.T. about water line from fire station to the red light.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bryan Shaw asked about a flyer he provided to be given out upon new business license applications explaining the historic district guidelines. The Mayor and Council agreed since this is already in the guidelines, the flyer will be given with new business applications. Bryan Shaw also asked about a house across from him at the corner of Avera and Taylor that has a pool with no fence around it and in front of the setback of which he has made contact to code enforcement. The Mayor advised Mr. Shaw it will be handled as can be done to the letter of the law.

David Purvis of 1007 Virginia Street complained about the article the Berrien Press printed concerning his complaint at the last meeting and Mayor Richbourg advised him to take that issue up with the Berrien Press as it has nothing to do with the City.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Scott Stalnaker extended his appreciation to the Chief for the attendance of the Police Department of Robert Guthrie's funeral in Lakeland.

Eric Gaither said he thought the way the radio read meter project was handled was unethical because it was not bid out.

Billy Retterbush asked if there was water and sewer being run to WINFAB on that project. John Reynolds explained they already have water so they are running sewer and Scott said they are already using City water and gas. Billy also asked about a mud hole issue at Subway wanting to know what the City might can do to help. Mayor Richbourg explained the situation and they need to find out who owns the property further discussing State right of way, a road that was there and closed, and the property ownership stating this may belong to the State rather than the City. John stated he has someone coming from D.O.T. and he will take him to look at it to try to figure it out. Mayor Richbourg also mentioned the TE project, phase III, currently ongoing now around the Court House and a press release by D.O.T. concerning it.

ADJOURNMENT

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