

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
FEBRUARY 22, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Mitchell Moore

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 Billy Retterbush, Eric Gaither, 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, Bryan Shaw, Kyle Pearson

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

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA – Billy Retterbush made the motion to adopt the formal agenda. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **2016 Annual Convention in Savannah – Mandy Luke** – Mandy told the Council the Annual Convention in Savannah is June 24 – June 28 this year with registration on March 15th so she needs to know who wants to go, where they want to stay and what they want to take or participate in. Mandy explained four went last year and a couple shared rooms and the cost for those four was over \$5,000. Mayor Richbourg said previously when all went in the past it was over \$9,000. Mandy said it was close to \$10,000 and we have tried to cut back since then. Mayor Richbourg said he is all for it for whoever wants to go as long as Mandy has it in

the budget but if those who went last year could possibly forego this year so someone else could go. He asked for them to let Mandy know so Mandy can make the call of what is in the budget as to who can go stating he would like to go if it is in the budget.

2. **2016 CDBG Target Area/Conflicts of Interest – Mitchell Moore** – Mitchell explained the map had been revised since the last Council meeting which down sized the target area and appears there would be no conflicts. The Council discussed the 2016 CDBG funding for proposed Streets, Drainage, Water and Sewer Improvements Project in the area as outlined in the revised map. It was noted that there were no conflicts of interest in the target area where improvements are scheduled to take place.

REPORTS

3. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mandy updated the Council that everything had been taken care and the agreement signed for the online auction with Iron Planet to take place March 16th. She further explained it was for surplus items and Iron Planet's fee is 2.5%. Mandy asked Mayor Richbourg if he has heard anything from Michael Roberts with GEFA on the radio read meter loan application stating she had emailed him but heard nothing back. Mayor Richbourg said he had not heard from him but would contact him. Mandy let the Council know she needs to get with a couple of them after the meeting to discuss what she found concerning a sanitation issue with a customer to decide how they want to handle it. The decision was made for Mayor Richbourg and Walt Steward to discuss this with Mandy.
4. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell brought up the issue of the sanitation contract that there was an assignment of the contract rights from Griffin to Allgreen in July 2010 and according to the terms of the Griffin contract, it is up this year, 2016. It renewed annually with a five year term expiring this year. The initial contract was 2006 – 2011 and the next one would have been to 2016 further explaining a termination provision with 90 days' notice not less than 90 days prior to May 31st of any given year and this is the last year. Mayor Richbourg asked if he was referring to either renewing the contract or seeking other bids which Mitchell confirmed. Mitchell explained more about the contract stating it is time to review this issue. Billy Retterbush mentioned the City might want to look at going into the garbage business stating he was previously on the board for Deep South and there

may be grant monies available for trucks and that sort of thing. Mitchell asked who is on the board now and Mandy said it is Travis Harper. Billy Retterbush mentioned it might be better to have an active Council member or the Mayor on that board. Mayor Richbourg mentioned they have a new manager, Steve Edwards, in Valdosta now that he has his contact information and will get it. Mitchell brought up the subject of the BBR property, the 18 unit property of Perkins Subdivision off Coffee Road stating there had been an offer from someone for private development. He said he asked them to put it in writing but they never did and if it is not sold, the City will have the issue of having to maintain it and under the law provision, we are to encourage private development when possible if we are not going to develop it. Mayor Richbourg asked Mitchell to contact the people who expressed an interest in it.

5. **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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Billy Retterbush asked for an update on the issue in front of Subway. Peter said he has a call in to D.O.T. and according to the plat he has, it appears to be D.O.T. right of way all the way to the ditch.

Eric Gaither asked about the apartment project on Hull Avenue. Peter said there had been a preconstruction meeting and they will probably put it out to bid for contractors around the end of March or first of April.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Billy Retterbush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 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