

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
MARCH 14, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Henry Yawn

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, Scott Stalnaker, Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter and Alderwoman Mellisa W. Brown.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Paran Davis, Keith Stone, Curtis Green, David Purvis

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

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA – Eric Gaither made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with changes to table item #1 until the next scheduled meeting and to add the purchase of equipment for State Patrol Post in Tifton by Scott Stalnaker. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Beer, Wine, Liquor Application/D & L Gaskins Enterprises – Mayor Richbourg** – Tabled until the next scheduled meeting.
2. **Garbage Contract Renewal/Put out for Bids – Scott Stalnaker** – Scott stated if it is the time to do so, according to the current contract, we need to notify Allgreen of the City's desire to renegotiate and put the service out for

bid. City Attorney, Mitchell Moore, and Mayor Richbourg discussed that the City has been with Allgreen or a company they bought out for the last ten years with the current contract expiration date of May 31, 2016 and it is time to review it. Billy Retterbush stated we need to have a procedure when we put it out for bids as far as number of residential cans, commercial cans, etcetera in order to compare what we have with what we need. Billy Retterbush made a motion to put it out for bids. Mellisa Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3. **Purchase Equipment for State Patrol Post – Scott Stalnaker** – Scott explained the Georgia State Patrol provides many services to the police department saving the City time and money so the City occasionally purchases equipment to donate to the Georgia State Patrol. He said they are in need of tasers and license scanners and the total for what they need is \$14,079.28 of which our cost would be \$7,039.64 when split with another county, possibly Cook County. Billy Retterbush made a motion to approve this subject to Mandy reviewing the budget to determine if the money is available. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

4. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mandy Luke reminded the Council we have filed for an audit extension this year for FY 2015 so she is still getting the needed information to the auditors. Mandy also mentioned the GEFA loan application has been submitted but she received an email this afternoon asking for more information which she will get together to send them. Mandy also reminded the Council of the upcoming convention in Savannah in June stating registration is at 9:00 the next morning, March 15th, and needs all the information to register those who will be attending and which classes they need.
5. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell mentioned the pending alcohol license for the Gaskins and that he would send more information to the Council via email regarding the license application procedures and ordinances. He stated he is still working with Peter on the easement concerning boundary lines for the new gas line for the school.

6. **Department Head's** – Peter mentioned they would be purging the new gas line to Alapaha in the morning, March 15th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Purvis expressed his gratitude of the recent road maintenance on Virginia Street.

Curtis Green told the Council he thinks they are being harassed by the Police Department because he was recently stopped and given a ticket for not stopping at the rail road crossing and said his granddaughter had also been stopped recently. Mayor Richbourg said he would meet with the City Manager and the Chief of Police and advised Mr. Green to talk to the solicitor or the judge about the ticket and plea his case.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mellisa Brown, along with the Council, commended Jill on the Chili Cook-off. Mellisa also reminded everyone of the Angels Among Us Charity Walk/Run this Saturday, March 19th, along with a ribbon cutting for the City with the Chamber of Valdosta on March 24th at 10:00 a.m. Mellisa also mentioned she spoke to Mandy about putting something in the paper to advise citizens to put their trash cans on their curb instead of in the street.

Billy Retterbush asked Peter Schultz if he heard from DOT on the right of way issue near Subway which Peter replied he has the plats which they are reviewing to see what they can do.

Antonio Carter said his sister in law and her son complained to him about being stopped by the police and said he had also been stopped.

Eric Gaither thanked Peter for repairs to the street in front of the Ice House.

Billy Retterbush made a motion to go into Executive Session @ 6:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Eric Gaither and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 P.M. – 6:55 P.M.

RESUME REGULAR MEETING

At 6:55 p.m. a motion was made by Alderwoman Mellisa Brown to come out of Executive Session. Alderman Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Scott Stalnaker made a motion to abolish the City Marshall position subject to Mitchell's findings in regards to whether or not the grant for the unmarked truck would have to be repaid. The motion was seconded by Eric Gaither and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Richbourg explained a phone call he received that should have been to animal control. The Mayor also mentioned a recent complaint concerning a pool across from Bryan Shaw's residence that prompted Mr. Yawn to send a letter for the pool to be taken down. He further explained the response of the pool owner, who rents the house, to Mr. Yawn was that they refused to take the pool down and further discussed the next step to be taken.

Antonio Carter asked about the Perkins Subdivision property. Mayor Richbourg discussed speaking with Kim Hobbs, with DCA, concerning possible options and grants for this blighted property including demolition, development or possible conversion to a park.

Mellisa Brown asked about a possibility of the City contributing money toward a new score board at the Rec (recreational) department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Antonio Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Mellisa Brown 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