

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
MARCH 28, 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, Scott Stalnaker, Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter, Walt Steward and Alderwoman Mellisa W. Brown.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Allen Davis, Clay Tomlinson, Margie Tygart, Brenda Thomas, Jessica Steward

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Scott Stalnaker 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 – Mellisa Brown made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with changes to strike item #3-Beer, Wine, Liquor Application on D&L Gaskins Enterprises and item #4-Executive Session. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Introduction of Clay Tomlinson as Candidate for Superior Court Judge**
– **Clay Tomlinson** – Mr. Tomlinson introduced himself to the Mayor, Council & members of the meeting as unopposed candidate for Superior Court Judge of the Alapaha Circuit. He stated he is from Homerville, Georgia and after attending Valdosta State College and Mercer Law School,

has been an attorney in Homerville for the past sixteen (16) years where he resides with his wife, Emily, of eleven (11) years and his two (2) children whom are six (6) and eight (8) years old. He further stated he has served in many capacities of the judicial system in our circuit including assistant district attorney for two (2) years, public defense attorney and circuit drug prosecutor and currently serves as the juvenile judge in our circuit. He explained he has sat in every seat in the courtroom as a party, juror, plaintiff's attorney, defense attorney and judge stating he takes the job very seriously and superior court judge has been an ambition of his for a long time. He further explained his firm belief in the three (3) branches of government and his goal to make Nashville and Berrien County a better place. He also explained more on his ideas of the drug court, mental health and accountability.

2. **Affidavit & Resolution for March 14, 2016 Executive Session – Mitchell Moore** – Billy Retterbush made a motion to approve the Resolution. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

3. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mandy Luke updated the Council on the Iron Planet Auction stating the City has made a profit, as of this morning, of \$33,908 with the actual sales total of \$35,845. Mandy explained the damage of the public works building from the storm that came through two or three weeks ago looked to be more than \$50,000 in damages according to a quote Peter got. She further explained her preference would be to completely tear down that building along with the one next to it to build one new metal building further off of Dogwood Avenue. She said she is still waiting to hear back from the insurance agent and asked if they would prefer repairing the building. The Council agreed, depending on what the insurance will pay, to tear down and build a new building.
4. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell stated the only thing he was going to address was the alcohol license that was stricken from the agenda stating the need to take into consideration the local ordinance of consumption on the premises pertaining to a recent email which he will recirculate to the

Council. Mayor Richbourg stated that was removed because the individuals are looking for another location.

5. **Department Head's** – Peter Schultz stated they have gas on the line to Alapaha and are waiting on D.P.P. Chief Edwards reported the Governor's Office of Highway Safety has awarded the police department a grant of \$10,000 for body cameras and he will be going to Forsyth on April 5th to finalize the paperwork.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Margie Tygart mentioned the grounds of the west end of the Westview Cemetery need some attention.

Brenda Thomas asked about her yard trash not being picked up and Peter Schultz replied his men stated the last couple times they have been by, there has been a vehicle preventing them from getting the yard trash and asked her to make sure the vehicle was out of the way so they could get to it without possibly damaging the vehicle. She also asked about providing electricity to Beetree Park. Mayor Richbourg told her they would check into it. Scott mentioned having it in locked boxes because when there were boxes there before, they were tampered with and broken.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Scott Stalnaker said he thought the ribbon cutting went well.

Mellisa Brown thanked the Chief and his staff for being at the charity walk. She also commended Peter for the street department's efficiency at getting the trash cleaned up from the recent storm. She also asked about the possibility of a light at the intersection of Ray & Son because of how dark it is.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Scott Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Walt Steward 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