

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
MAY 09, 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, Walt Steward and Antonio Carter.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Alan Davis, Kyle Pearson, Keith Stone, Pearlene Daniels, David Purvis, Robert Simpson, Minnie Simpson, Chris Hutchinson

**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 with the addition of Vehicle for Nashville Fire Department (NFD) by Scott Stalnaker. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Affidavit and Resolution for April 11, 2016 Executive Session – Mitchell Moore** – Eric Gaither made a motion to approve the Affidavit and Resolution. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Deep South Solid Waste Agreement – Mandy Luke** – Mandy explained the City receives an agreement from Deep South Solid Waste each year and this year it is for the City to receive a semi-annual royalty payment of \$9,946.99 which can be used for any type of solid waste management such as the collection, recycling, hazardous waste, composting, etc. She stated it needs to be approved in order to apply for the money. Scott Stalnaker made a motion to approve the agreement. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
  
3. **Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement – Mandy Luke** – Mandy stated she sent the agreement to Mitchell for review. Mitchell asked if there had been any discussion of who has been designated as the participant or anything of that nature. Mayor Richbourg asked who has done it in the past or who traditionally does it. Mandy said she did not think we had ever had anybody; she did not know any background on it; and, we have not done it in the past that she is aware of because she could not find an old one. Mitchell stated he did not have a file on this either and this was to notify the powers that be under the Georgia Emergency Management Agency that we are going to designate someone to be a contact participant. He said he does not have anything showing who the designee should be and that Council should not do this without reviewing and considering it so whoever is designated will be aware. Billy Retterbush made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
  
4. **Advanced Disposal – Rear Load on Residential Garbage Pickup – Mayor Richbourg** – Mayor Richbourg explained Advanced Disposal picks up the residential trash cans with a side arm truck with the side arm apparatus picking up the can to empty the trash into the truck and there has been much damage to the cans and other problems caused by the side arm. He further explained there has been an offer by Advanced Disposal to go back to the rear load trucks where there is one or two people on the back of the truck who physically handle the trash cans. Mayor Richbourg asked Mitchell if this required a vote by the Council. He further explained there would be no extra charge to the City per Steve Edwards, who is over public relations with Advanced Disposal, and Advanced Disposal would provide notice to the customers although the timing of the pick-up may change. Scott Stalnaker said he too had spoken with Steve Edwards explaining to him the City was getting better service when Advanced Disposal used the rear load trucks versus the side arm trucks. Scott said Advanced Disposal has had

management changes and Steve was trying to do everything in his power to provide a better service for Nashville. Mayor Richbourg reiterated the charge does not change but the day of the week may change. Mitchell suggested preparing an addendum to the contract indicating the changes in the type of services but that the cost would remain the same. Walt Steward made a motion for the addendum for the change. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. **Vehicle Request for Nashville Fire Department (NFD) Fire Chief – Scott Stalnaker** – Scott explained there was a discussion at the last Council meeting (April 11, 2016) to purchase a vehicle for the Fire Chief (Buck Warren) and Councilman Billy Retterbush had suggested approaching the County to see if they would help. Scott said they had approached the County and the County agreed to pay half up to \$29,000.00 total. He said they actually found a brand new vehicle cheaper than that, after putting it out for bid, under a government contract from Mike Burch Ford that was approximately \$25,800 or \$25,900. He said the City has been recently selling its surplus merchandise and he wanted to mention to the Council, since the County is helping with the cost of the vehicle that when it is disposed of, half of the amount either be put back to the purchase of the next vehicle or credited back to the County. Billy Retterbush made a motion to allow the County half of the gain of the sale of the vehicle or put it toward the purchase of a newer vehicle. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

6. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mandy explained she dispersed a copy of the bank account balances for the end of April to the Council. She also said we just started the new budget process and has given out the budgets to the department heads for them to begin filling out their department requests and once she gets those back and entered, they will set up a time for a budget meeting. She also said the auditors have been working on our audit from their office and expects them any time since we have an extension until July 31<sup>st</sup> that they have to have it completed by July 31, 2016.

7. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell Moore stated the REDLG loan has been funded but we received email from Ms. Toni Grimes of Rural Development-Athens wanting to meet to go over the letter of conditions and they met last Friday (May 6, 2016). Mayor Richbourg asked, for the record, if this is the grant money attached to the gas line project and Mitchell affirmed it is for the Dupont/DPP gas line project that we had a 60-40 split with a 60% grant from EDA. Mitchell said he was emailed today from Mr. Milton Cochran, Project Manager with EDA, on the underwriting of the EDA grant, that we will have to follow up within 90 days which should be fine although we have not actually received the funds from the REDLG loan yet but have met about the letter of conditions stating the terms that have to be met by the City of Nashville who is the ultimate recipient with the City of Adel being the intermediate or the borrower who we are going through to get the difference in the money with \$790,000 coming from the EDA grant. It went over the letter of terms of conditions and asked that we show that we can get the financing for the difference which we already have and Mr. Cochran's request was to show if we were going to meet the deadline project which we have. City of Nashville will have to provide a letter of credit. Ms. Grimes will send the revised letter of conditions which will have to be signed within 60 days.
- Mitchell also referred to the EDA monitoring discussed at the last meeting stating the property referred to is not the City's property.

8. **Department Head's** – Jill Wise mentioned a new seafood restaurant is to open in the old Mimi's building tentatively scheduled to open Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Jill also reminded everybody to shop at the Farmers Market with current hours being Thursday-Friday 10:00-6:00 and Saturday 9:00-4:00 and soon to be open on Wednesdays again.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

David Purvis of 1007 Virginia Street approached the Council about the gravel that was recently used on his street stating he thought it was from the old high school and contains nails & other items not suitable to be used. The Mayor asked if the County or the City brought it. Mr. Purvis said he did not know but it was the City that promised to put gravel on the road.

Pearlene Daniels asked if there is water and electricity at the park on Beetree which the Mayor replied he did not think so. She asked about a green box there and

if that was for electricity and Peter Schultz said it was for sprinklers for the trees. She said her daughter wants to have an event there in August with a water slide but she could not find electricity for it and wanted to know if there was a way it could water and electricity could be available there. The Mayor told her he would need to get with John Reynolds about the water and he would give her his number to contact him. She asked about the accuracy of the phone numbers on the City website for the Mayor and Council. We told her they were supposed to be the correct numbers having been updated in January but if any of the numbers did not work to let us know so we could check on it. She also commended the police department and specifically Timmy Jernigan for speaking with her son about guns. Kyle Pearson asked the Council about some types of summer programs for kids since there is not much in Nashville for them to do to keep them occupied and out of trouble hopefully using grant money.

Robert and Minnie Simpson of Alapaha discussed a situation with a water meter at 306 East Washington Avenue, a rental house owned by Mrs. Simpson's brother that they handle for him. He explained a leak within the meter box that he feels is on the City's side and a result of something the City did when installing the equipment and feels they deserve more credit on the bill. Mrs. Simpson's son, Chris Hutchinson, explained a previous tenant had cut the box so the meter was removed and had to be replaced. Mayor Richbourg said he would get with John Reynolds for more information and call them.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Scott Stalnaker extended his gratitude to all the Police Department, City employees and volunteers that helped with the Fishing Rodeo on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> along. He also commented he thought it was a great success.

Billy Retterbush asked Mitchell Moore about the barrels on the City's property across from City Hall. He said he would speak with Henry Yawn about it to get more information on it.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Mayor Michael Richbourg

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Alderman Eric Gaither

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Alderwoman Mellisa W. Brown

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Alderman Antonio Carter

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Alderman Billy Retterbush

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Alderman Scott Stalnaker

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Alderman Walter Steward

**ATTEST:**

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Jackie Jordan, City Clerk