

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
MAY 31, 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 Alderwoman Mellisa W. Brown.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Paran Davis, Bryan Shaw, Crissy Staley, Nick Lacey, Bo Lovein, Ronald Knowles

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 change of moving item #3-Residential Fence-Debbie McMillan to the end of the Agenda, if still needed at that time. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Berrien County Development Authority-Announcement of New Industrial Property – Crissy Staley** – Nick Lacy commended Crissy Staley for the work she has done as executive director of the Development Authority Board for engineering the trade of the industrial park on Highway 82 near Enigma to where it is within the city limits here on Highway 168

near our current industrial park. Mr. Lacey also commended Alderman Scott Stalnaker for his work with the Development Authority and his efforts between the City and the Development Authority. Crissy Staley stated the Development Authority has completed a property trade which was discussed in the Economic Summit meeting. She explained the challenge of finding a 100 acre tract of land with City water, sewer and gas. She explained the property is on Highway 168 and the previous owner has six (6) months to have the trees removed. They have had meetings with the Regional Commission and DCA concerning infrastructure roads, utilities, etc. but grant funding is not going to fully fund the development of the park as it is not the intent of grant funding. She further explained the County is in the process of refinancing the administrative building which is a Tier I project that all governments pay for off the top of SPLOST money before it is split according to the agreed upon amounts between the local municipalities. They do not yet know what the rates are going to be but the County Commissioners will meet and vote on June 14, 2016 when they open the bids but are expecting it to be around 2.50%. So, what they are asking is the City Council commit to redirecting that savings in the difference in the percentage to economic development to be used exclusively to develop this part stating the County will commit to redirecting their half to this if the City will do the same. Walt Steward made the motion for the City to commit to redirecting the savings in the difference in interest of SPLOST from refinancing to the Development Authority to use for economic development of this project. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with Scott Stalnaker abstaining due to his affiliation with the Development Authority Board.

2. **Beer, Wine, Liquor Application – Two Bros Inc. DBA Nashville Liquor Store – Mayor Richbourg** – The Mayor discussed with Council, Chief Edwards and Henry Yawn the location for retail liquor being less than 300 feet of a church building and made the decision to table this item until the next meeting to allow Mr. Yawn to discuss with them if they want to reapply for beer and wine only as it does not qualify on the Liquor portion.
3. **Scoreboard for Recreation Department – Scott Stalnaker/Mellisa Brown** – Scott mentioned Mellisa brought this up in a previous meeting (March 14, 2016). Scott then talked with King Bridges, Director of Berrien County Recreation Authority. He said they needed two (2) at the County recreation department field and one (1) at the City recreation department field. The County has already bought one and put up at the County

recreation field. He asked if the City would buy one for the County field and one for the City field which the City could in turn use for advertising. He got two (2) bids which was \$4,942 from Varsity Scoreboards and \$6,977 from Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company along with a bid from West to install both for \$500. He explained it could be paid for out of the Hotel Motel Tax money because of advertising for tourism. Billy Retterbush made a motion to purchase the two scoreboards with the lowest bid if the Recreation Department will maintain them and allow City to use for advertising with Mainstreet Director, Jill Wise, being in charge of that. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with Mellisa Brown abstaining because of her affiliation with the Board of the Recreation Department although, for the record, she is in favor of it.

REPORTS

4. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mayor Richbourg read a letter dated May 10th he received from Governor Nathan Deal stating the City has been approved for the GEFA (Georgia Environmental Finance Authority) \$1,000,000 loan for the water system infrastructure improvement. Mandy Luke said she has received the loan documents from GEFA for same and needs their approval if they want to move forward with it and give it to Mitchell to review. Scott Stalnaker made a motion to move forward with the loan application. Walt Steward seconded the motion. Billy Retterbush asked if it is on the radio read meters and if we know how much the project will cost. Mayor Richbourg answered this part has to be done before it can be put out for bids. Mellisa Brown asked how much it cost to put out for bid. Mayor Richbourg said there is no cost to put it out for bid. Eric Gaither voted no. Billy Retterbush asked for clarification if the only thing being voted on is to put it out for bid and then make the decision on whether or not to move forward with the project. Mayor Richbourg said that was correct. Billy Retterbush voted yes. Mellisa Brown voted yes to putting it out for bids. Motion passed four (4) to one (1).
Mandy asked Mitchell about the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement. Mitchell said he spoke with the County representative/911 director, Angie Rutland, and the regional director, Diane Adams. He explained we need to designate EMA Director, Angie Rutland, as primary authorized representative on Appendix A with Assistant Director, Bob

Mikell, as the secondary authorized representative on Appendix A and Mandy Luke, City Manager, as the designated fiscal officer on Appendix B with the Mayor as alternate or backup on Appendix B. Eric Gaither made a motion to execute agreement as Mitchell explained. Mellisa Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell Moore said he has been in touch with Tim Tanner and he sent the revised letter of condition on the REDLG loan which was just a revision on the first page. He explained City of Adel is the borrower with City of Nashville being the recipient and we have to meet the terms on the letter of condition to move forward with the grant. He said he does not think Tim Tanner and he need to negotiate the terms but there will need to be some sort of loan fee or processing fee by Adel. He said he spoke with Tim Tanner if they are comfortable with Nashville City Manager, Mandy Luke, and Adel City Manager, John Flythe, discussing the terms as opposed to the attorneys negotiating.
6. **Department Head's** – Jill Wise updated the Council that Rancho Alegre has recently updated the outside of their restaurant and said the square looks really great with the last phase being completed on the East side encouraging everyone to visit. She said the new seafood restaurant 'Off the Hook' has been open about a week which seems to be going well. She said the Chamber and Mainstreet will be working together hosting Fantastic Friday throughout the month of July where each business will do a drawing each Friday for a certain amount of money spent and a big drawing for Berrien Bucks. She said they are still working on a "Welcome Package" as well. Peter Schultz said he went to a Municipal Gas Authority conference recently where City of Nashville was awarded one of their Southern Project of the Year awards for the Dupont Pine project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mellisa Brown said Mrs. Knight came in to see her and Latonya Daniels, part of the Love and Kindness Fellowship Church, and they are having an event for the kids on August 6th at the Beetree Park and want to know about water and power at the park. Mayor Richbourg said power has been taken care of but water will not be provided. Mellisa also commended Peter regarding the Dupont Pine project and the award.

Billy Retterbush asked Mitchell about the soil drums and if TTL Associates, Inc. (an environmental company) has been contacted. Mitchell said he had contacted them and will follow up with them again. Billy said that should have already been taken care of and it should have already been paid for so they need to get them picked up. Mayor Richbourg reiterated this needs to be taken care of.

Walt Steward discussed the issue of the parking at the auction with the Council again. Jill Wise explained they are working on several ideas to help with this problem. They also mentioned having cones put out where there is no parking. Mayor Richbourg explained a similar parking issue where someone has recently moved into the building next to Watson's Pools that used to be a CPA office which he mentioned to the Chief of Police already.

Scott Stalnaker made a motion to go into Executive Session @ 6:50 pm. The motion was seconded by Mellisa Brown and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:50 P.M. – 6:55 P.M.

RESUME REGULAR MEETING

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

Mayor Richbourg notified the public that Executive Session had ended and the regular open meeting was resumed.

The Chief of Police, Mayor, Council and City Manager discussed the current shortage of officers in the police department and salaries as compared to surrounding areas.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Billy Retterbush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 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