

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
OCTOBER 24, 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 Scott Stalnaker, Billy Retterbush, Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter and Alderwoman Mellisa W. Brown.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Crissy Staley, Klim Nesmith, Maxine Harris Carter, Brenda Thomas, Kyle Pearson.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS –** Mellisa Brown made the motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA –** Eric Gaither made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the addition of item #5 – Sewer Cleaner – John Reynolds. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Georgia Council for the Arts Vibrant Communities Grant – Crissy Staley** – Crissy said the Chamber recently applied for a grant through the Georgia Council known as the Arts Vibrant Communities Grant which has a maximum amount of \$5,000 and is a matching grant that would require a match of \$5,000 and explained it has been used for art work drawn on the local businesses in the past. She said many people have inquired about the Honor Roll list of World War II names that was previously on the McLamb

building downtown and they would like to use the grant to replace those names but on a building owned by the City, and one that is safer to access, possibly the downtown center building, and the intention is to put it back as close as possible to how it was originally done. She said she has spoken with Jill Whitley, who has done the other art work downtown, and she would have to hand write all of the names and would inquire as to how preserve them. They discussed the downtown center building and the Community Center. Klem Nesmith, with the VFW, said they had checked into this as well. He said there were thirteen hundred forty-two (1,342) names on the list and forty-eight (48) names per line which took two (2) bricks for each. According to his measurements, the Community Center may not be large enough. Crissy said they would ask the City's contribution, other than the use of the building would be to get the wall cleaned and prepped to paint the names on it. She said the deadline is June 1, 2017. Klem said he contacted Sherwin Williams out of Valdosta and they recommend acid clean it, wash it down, flush it with vinegar, wash it again and once it is painted, they have a sealer that is guaranteed to seal it for 25 years. Mellisa Brown made a motion for the City to get the building cleaned and ready for the names to be painted on it. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Stalker Radar Purchase for Corporal Sellars, Tifton Post – Mayor Richbourg** – Mayor Richbourg said Corporal Sellars is back at the Tifton Post and recently the City, together with Cook County, provided some new equipment to the Tifton post. Corporal Sellars brought his car from Lowndes County which has the old radar and wants to know if we will buy him the new Stalker Radar for \$3,500. The Mayor asked Mrs. Luke where the funds would come from and she answered the General Fund. Billy Retterbush made a motion to purchase the radar. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
3. **BiLo/Harvey's Lease – Mayor Richbourg** – Mayor Richbourg read an email he received from Scott Fryman asking for early termination of the lease with a one-time termination fee of \$50,000 because they did not need that much space and there was no elevator. This has come up before and the lease agreement was for five years with no early termination to pay for the renovations. Mrs. Luke explained after renovations began, they kept requesting changes which increased the costs and they were told up front if they kept making changes, there would not be enough funds to put in an elevator and if they wanted one later, they would have to pay for it and they

said everything they would need could be handled down stairs. Billy Retterbush said at that time they said they were going to expand and use the building next to it and then they would get the elevator. Mr. Retterbush and Mrs. Luke explained they have to pay the lease otherwise the tax payers pay for it because it cannot come out of SPLOST and would have to come from general fund which is taxpayer money. Mayor Richbourg gave the email to Mr. Moore and asked him to respond. Mrs. Luke asked Mitchell if they terminate the lease early, they would have to pay the lease in full. Mr. Moore replied it was discussed and there is no provision for early termination of the lease.

4. **Second Reading of Derelict and Blighted Property Ordinance – Mitchell Moore** – Mitchell said it has been finalized, was available to the public at City Hall and this constitutes the second reading. We will run the notice in the paper.
5. **Sewer Cleaner – John Reynolds** – John Reynolds explained the current condition of the sewer cleaner (sewer jetter) and the need for a new one. He presented three (3) bids: P & H Supply (Augusta, Ga.) \$52,516, Adams Equipment Inc. \$54,915 and Rumfola Sales (Louisiana) \$58,000. John's recommendation is P & H Supply. Mayor Richbourg asked where the money would come from. John said he had included it in his budget and Mandy said she will check the budget for it. Billy Retterbush made a motion to make the purchase from P & H Supply. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

6. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mandy reported the tax bills had been mailed out and said she is working on information for the auditors because they will be here in November or December for the FY 2016 Audit. She also reported two 4-wheel drive trucks and the old street sweeper had been added to equipment surplus and added to the auction. All three sold on October 19, 2016 for a total of \$25,000 of which \$16,500 was the price for the street sweeper.
7. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell explained correspondence regarding the REDLG loan where Toni Grimes requested an opinion letter from Tim Tanner and loan documents from the agency. He said we have the numbers

to establish the REDLG which was originally approved for up to \$550,000 and it is a sixty-forty grant but that total may not be available given the reduction in the project costs. He also said the letter of credit was approved for up to \$450,000 which will be amortized over ten years, regardless of the amount and it will be paid from the gas fund. Mitchell mentioned the Perkins subdivision and looking at other options in getting private investors to look at it. Mitchell briefly discussed the ordinance regarding liquor by the drink applications with the Mayor, Council, City Manager and Klim Nesmith with the VFW.

8. **Department Head's** – John Reynolds said they are at a point where they need to cut the road or bore under it in regards to the new industrial park and asked if the grant money is available yet. Crissy said the grant application had been submitted and Camilla Knowles will be here Thursday for a site visit which is a good sign but won't hear back on the application until the end of the year. John said he wants to do it before that state highway is resurfaced as it is scheduled to be done soon. John was told to go ahead and do what needed to be done because it will have to be done whether this particular grant is approved or not. Jill Wise said the Nashville South Jams Concert at Horse Creek Winery Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> successful and thanked everyone who helped or attended. She also reminded everyone Trick or Treat around the square is set for Monday, October 31st, from 6:00 – 8:00. Crissy Staley spoke to the Mayor and Council about the conditions of the Nashville Inn after having been approached by Hurricane Matthew evacuees that stayed there.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Maxine Harris Carter brought up an incident she said happened at their home involving her grandson and his friends. The Mayor explained it did not need to be discussed in open meeting and advised her to speak to Chief Edwards after the meeting.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Scott Stalnaker and Billy Retterbush commended Jill Wise and Crissy Staley on the concert.

John Reynolds thanked the Mayor and Council for the approval of the sewer cleaner purchase.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Scott Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Eric Gaither 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