

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
APRIL 12, 2010**

INVOCATION: Johnny Hall

PLEDGE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Travis Harper

WELCOME: Mayor Travis Harper

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Travis Harper, Aldermen Bill Turner, Dick Perryman, Scott Stalnaker, Michael Richbourg, and Billy Retterbush.

STAFF PRESENT: Chief John Clayton, Tina Haughton, John Reynolds, Peter Schultz, Dawn Morrison, Curtis Mathis, Steve Adams, Butch Adams, Buck Warren, Lance Ward, Timmy Jernigan, David Register, Patrick Garner, Kathy Graham, Patty McConico, Randy Nash, Bill Summerlin, and City Attorney Mitchell Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Randall Milton, Fern Turner, Joe Watts, Mr. Bell, Allen Davis, Johnny Hall, Mary Ward, and Dawn Ashley.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adopt the Minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Turner and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA- Mayor Harper wanted to add a couple of items to the agenda. As item number five, opening bids for the statewide project on the new parking lot, and item six, discuss allowing the water department to get bids on the purchase of a camera. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to approve the formal agenda with the changes. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Special presentation for the Police department. SGT Lance Ward, who was recently deployed to Afghanistan and currently employed with the City of Nashville's Police department, presented Chief Clayton with an American Flag which was flown over the C Company 2-121, 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team base at Forward Operating Base Meymaneh, Faryab Province, Afghanistan, by the Officers, NCOs and Soldiers of C Company, 2-121 Infantry Battalion during Operation Enduring Freedom IX on the 20th day of December 2009.

2. Recognizing City Employees for their years of Service- Mandy Luke told the group each year the City shows its employees their appreciation by recognizing them for their years of service to the City of Nashville. The following employees

have been employed by the City of Nashville for five years, Patty McConico, Tina Haughton, John Clayton, Chuck Edwards, Kathy Graham, David Register, Tommy Davis, Randy Nash, and John Reynolds. Each employee was presented with a five year pin, a certificate and \$15.00 in Berrien Bucks. She also presented Mr. Bill Summerlin with a ten year pin, a certificate and \$25.00 in Berrien Bucks for his ten years of service to the City of Nashville. Mayor Harper thanked all the City employees for their dedication to the City.

3. Recognizing Curtis Davis for his years of service- Mayor Harper recognized Curtis Davis and presented him with a plaque on behalf of himself and the Council. Mr. Davis has been with the City Fire department for 26 years, completed 1,241 meeting and fire drills. He also responded to 3,085 fire calls. Mayor Harper thanked Curtis Davis for his many years of service and dedication to the City of Nashville.

4. Beer and Wine Applications- Mayor Harper informed the group that applications for beer and wine were completed. Mr. Ed Perry of Horse Creek Winery, for the sale of wine, and Trisha Ashley of Crews In, for the sale of beer and wine. All criminal histories were pulled, with no records found on either, and fees have been paid in full. Alderman Retterbush made a motion to approve the two beer and wine applications. The motion was seconded by Alderman Turner, and the motion carried unanimously. Alderman Perryman noted he would like to abstain from voting on Horse Creek Winery. Mayor Harper called for a separate vote on each application. The motion carried unanimously on Crews In and four yes votes on Horse Creek Winery with one abstaining and one absent.

5. Parking Lot Bids from Statewide- Mayor Harper said Statewide received three bids for the paving on the new parking lot. The first bid is from Burke Paving Company, for \$47,889.50; the second bid from Ricketson Construction for \$68,433.94; the third bid from Southern Allied Contractors for \$56,332.00. Alderman Turner made a motion to approve the lowest bid. The motion was seconded by Alderman Richbourg and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Purchase of camera for the Water department- Mayor Harper informed the group that Georgia Rural Water who visits every couple of weeks has a sewer camera which our water department borrows when it is available. He said the water department would use this camera more if they had access to one. The camera's cost is around \$8,000 to \$10,000 dollars and I would like for Council to authorize John Reynolds to except some sealed bids for the purchase of a sewer camera, and have them opened at the next Council meeting. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to allow John Reynolds to get the sealed bids. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

7. City Manager's /Finance Director's Report- Mandy Luke updated the group on the Hotel Motel tax and the three percent excise tax on liquor by the drink tax which has been implemented. She said the first check for Hotel Motel tax was deposited for \$331 dollars last month. She also told the group the Cadillac Ranch has started selling liquor by the drink so we will be collecting the three percent excise tax from there.

8. City Attorney's Report- Mitchell Moore told the group he had been approached with a question about the annual fee or onetime fee on the sale of liquor by the drink licenses. He asked Mandy to clarify how this fee is paid. She said normally it is a onetime payment and charged at the first of the year. The Mayor and Council decided to give the applicant time to pay off the onetime fee for the first year, in quarterly installments. The Council also discussed prorating the fee, but decided against it.

9. Department Heads' Report- None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Allen Davis commended Dawn Morrison on the wonderful job she and Crissy have done with the downtown events.

Alderman Turner wanted to confirm the City will issue citations to landowners who leave out trash after the City clean up week. Alderman Stalnaker confirmed the ad was run in the local paper.

Alderman Perryman wanted to state the current penalty for not renewing a business license is too steep and asked that Council look into changing the penalty amount.

Mandy Luke stated according to the Ordinance under operating a business without a business license, the 10% penalty cannot be charged until the renewal is ninety days late. During that time the City will and has sent several notices, made phone calls and even visited these business owners before implementing the penalty.

Alderman Perryman asked that the Council revisit that Ordinance and change the policy to which penalties are placed on businesses not renewing their license on time. After some discussion, Mayor Harper asked Mitchell if he could review the Ordinance and allow the Council to revisit this issue at the next Council meeting.

Mitchell Moore wanted to remind the Council he is still working on the International Code Ordinance. He will have the drafts to the Council before the first reading.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30p.m. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Travis Harper

Alderman Bill Turner

Alderman Dick Perryman

Alderman Darrin Davis

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Michael Richbourg

ATTEST

Tina Haughton, City Clerk