

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
JUNE 14, 2010**

INVOCATION: Mayor Harper

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, Darrin Davis, Michael Richbourg and Billy Retterbush.

STAFF PRESENT: Chief John Clayton, Tina Haughton, Mandy Luke, John Reynolds, Peter Schultz, Henry Yawn, and City Attorney Mitchell Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Allen Davis, John Black, Randall Milton, Elna Bragdon, Frank Watts, and Fern Turner.

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 Retterbush and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA- Mayor Harper wanted to remove item two on the agenda, designating a “distance” for the Alcohol Consumption Ordinance; and add it to the next Council meeting. He also wanted to add an item to the agenda, postponing or cancelation of the June 28th Council meeting. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to approve the formal agenda with the changes. Alderman Turner seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bids for Pest Control- Mandy Luke told the group that she was instructed to get more information on the two lowest bidders for the City’s pest control contract. In order to verify the City’s policy on taking local bids as opposed to non-local bids. She said the City’s policy is to take a local bid if the local bid is within ten percent of the lowest offer. Also the City Council can reserve the right to choose any local bidder other than the lowest bidder. The non-local bid for the pest control contract was Tifton Termite and Pest Services from Tifton bid \$100.00 per month. The local Lot Pest Control from Nashville bid \$132.00 per month. Each bidder provided the documentation which was stipulated in the advertisement. They both have liability insurance and since they only employ two employees they are not required to have workman comp or be a drug free workplace. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to accept the bid from the local bidder, Lot Pest Control, since the City reserves the right to choose local. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Purposed Gas Line Extension Project- Mayor Harper and Peter Schultz were contacted by the City of Tifton, Dixon Gin, South Central Gin, and a local farmer, in reference to the need for Natural Gas. These consumers have learned that they can save thousands of dollars each year by using natural gas instead of propane. They are purposing the City of Nashville run a gas line through Enigma and to the Tift County line. Tift County will run a gas line from the Tift County line in order to get natural gas to these consumers. Mayor Harper presented the group with a bid from C. J. Hodge Enterprizes Inc. on the total cost for the project, which will be \$670,109.28. He added this amount will be split between the City of Tifton and the City of Nashville, fifty-fifty, if we decide to proceed with this project. Mayor Harper also handed the Council a second sheet which contained the three consumer's usage amounts and the City's profit margins, as well as the figures on the loan the City will have to take out in order to finance this project. He explained this line expansion would supply natural gas to three big Agricultural businesses located in the northern part of the county, as well as supply natural gas to the industrial park in Enigma for future industries that may want to move to the area. Alderman Richbourg ask why the City of Nashville needs to get involved in this project since it's located in the northern part of the county. Mayor Harper replied the City of Nashville's gas district starts south of town throughout all of North Berrien County. He added Tift County cannot run gas lines in Berrien County without our permission or our cooperation. The City of Nashville can either give Tift County the permission to run gas lines and allow them to run the entire operation themselves, or we can join Tift County and receive part of the revenues from this project. After some discussion, Mayor Harper told the group the City of Tifton has been working on this project for several months; they have completed all the surveys and the only thing they need is the authorization to lay pipe. Our next move would be to tell the City of Tifton we are in on this project so they can order the pipe and begin laying it, so we can get gas to these three companies before cotton season. The paperwork and legal documents can be completed while we are waiting on the pipe. Peter Schultz added the pipe will take around a month to a month and a half before delivery. Elna Bragdon told the group she does not predict any problems with the County's cooperation on this project. Mitchell Moore said he will speak with Greg Sowell, the City of Tifton's attorney about the legal details on this project. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to allow the Mayor to contact Tifton and let them know the City is collectively on board with this project, subject to certain details that need to be worked out between our County and the City Attorneys. He added if pipe needs to be ordered before these details are worked out, then the Mayor can call a meeting so the Council can make a motion to proceed with the purchase. Alderman Turner seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Reschedule the June 28th City Council meeting- Mayor Harper told the group most of the Council will be returning from the GMA Conference in Savannah on June 28th. We need to postpone our Council meeting until June 29th, 2010. Council agreed to postpone the Council meeting until June 29th, 2010.

REPORTS

4. City Manager's /Finance Director's Report- Mandy told the group the contract for prison labor is up for renewal and the person who draws up those

contracts has asked if the City wants to renew. The Council asked Mandy to negotiate a reduction before renewing the contract.

5. City Attorney's Report- Mitchell Moore told the group he needed some guidance on the "Brown Bagging" provision in the Alcohol Consumption Statute. Mayor Harper said he understood during the discussion of the Liquor by the Drink Ordinance, if the business has a pouring license then no "brown bagging" is allowed, but if the business does not have a pouring license then they could allow "brown bagging". The Council agreed, and directed Mitchell to proceed accordingly.

6. Department Heads' Report- Mr. Henry Yawn asked the Council to make a motion on the special exception request for 1310 Azalea Way. Mayor Harper said a public hearing was held today at 5:30 p.m. for a special exception request for Mr. Jim Hunt. He is requesting a 15 foot variance from the 30 foot rear yard setback in order to build a carport. Alderman Turner made a motion to grant the special exception request. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Peter Schultz thanked the Council for the new equipment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Frank Watts asked the Council if the street department could provide two rebels at the East View Cemetery for the cleanup this weekend. Mayor Harper said they will make sure someone from the street department handles that due to Mr. Tommy's absents. He also told the group Mr. Tommy is not here tonight due to illness, and asked the group to remember Mr. Tommy and his family in prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00p.m. Alderman Richbourg 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