

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
FEBRUARY 27, 2012**

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Travis 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 Eric Gaither, Billy Retterbush, Antonio Carter, Michael Richbourg, and Scott Stalnaker.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tina Ward, Mandy Luke, Henry Yawn, Chief Clayton, and City Attorney, Mitchell Moore.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Randall Milton, Frank Watts, John Black, Allen Davis, John Hunkele, and Pearlene Daniels.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Alderman Gaither wanted to correct the spelling on the word (drinking). Mitchell Moore also wanted to correct a statement he made in his report. "The City may move in" instead of "the City will move in". Alderman Richbourg made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with the changes. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPTIONS OF FORMAL AGENDA-** Mitchell Moore requested a brief Executive session be added to the formal agenda. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the changes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Retterbush and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Ratify, Insurance bids set for every other year-** Mandy Luke emailed each of the Council last week in reference to not bidding out the City's liability, property, and automobile insurance each year. She suggested sending out for bids every other year or every two years. The Council was polled and all agreed to bid out the insurance every two years. Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to bid out the liability, property, and automobile insurance no less than two years and no more than three years. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**2. Ratify, the Water and Gas Deposits for new businesses-** Mandy Luke emailed each of the Council last week in response to the study conducted on gas and water deposits for new businesses. The suggestion we have is to at least implement taking the twelve month average and multiplying it by two. The deposit for these new businesses would then cover two months of bills if the business decides to leave without paying. Since we bill 4-6 weeks behind, they will incur at least two months worth of bills before they are closed out. We suggest this be used

with the gas as well as the water/sewer for commercial businesses. The minimum deposit would be \$100 and go up from there according to their estimated usage. A lot of small businesses would still only have the \$100 gas and \$100 water deposit based on their average monthly bill. We have checked with several towns around here and this is how they determine their deposit amounts for businesses. We asked Moultrie, Adel, Americus, Tifton and Douglas. All these cities either go by twice the average monthly bill, two and a half times the average bill, or three times the average monthly bill. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to ratify the decision on commercial deposits. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Grease Trap Ordinance-** Mitchell Moore told the Council the corrections and changes were completed on the Ordinance, but time is still needed to review the document. He asked that this constitute the first reading of the Grease Trap Ordinance. Council agreed.

**4. Resolution for the 2012 CDBG-** Mitchell Moore told the Council this Resolution needs to be approved by Council for the 2012 CDBG grant for sewer improvements. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to adopt the Resolution for the 2012 CDBG grant. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stalnaker and the motion carried unanimously.

**5. Possible Conflicts of Interest with Elected Officials Pertaining to the 2012 CDBG-** John Reynolds presented the Council with a map of the targeted area (see attached). Mayor Harper wanted to state that one of the City's employees live in the project area. The Council discussed applying for the 2012 CDBG grand funding for proposed sewer improvements in the project area (see map). It was noted that no person resides in the target area where improvements are scheduled to take place.

**6. Resolution Amending the R1-12 to create an Urban Redevelopment Agency-** Mitchell Moore amended the Resolution. His concerns were that the Code Section pursuant to which the Redevelopment Agency was formed does not provide for an "Authority" and does not define same. Mitchell amended R1-12 to reflect that the "Agency" is actually referred to as the Nashville Urban Redevelopment Agency which addresses both residential and commercial urban redevelopment. Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to adopt the Resolution amending the R1-12 to create an Urban Redevelopment. The motion was seconded by Alderman Carter and the motion carried unanimously.

**7. Open a checking account for the CDBG grant for the Pedestrian Walkway (Hogan Project) -** Mandy Luke told the group the City auditors require approval from Council before we open a new checking account. Southern Georgia Regional Commission requested the City open a separate checking account for the CDBG grant the City was awarded. Alderman Retterbush made the motion to allow the City to open a separate checking account for the CDBG grant for the Pedestrian Walkway. The motion was seconded by Alderman Carter and the motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

**6. City Manager's/Finance Director's Report-** Mandy Luke asked the Council to discuss adding an administrative fee to all beer, wine and liquor license. This fee will go toward the background check charges and the time it takes to handle the paperwork for a license. The City placed an administrative fee on our regular

businesses license and we need to do the same on our beer, wine, and liquor license. Although the City has had very few cases, this fee will also help if a business changes hands within the year of receiving their license, because the same process is required for anyone applying. After some discussion the group agreed to allow Mandy to apply a \$50.00 administrative fee for beer, wine, and liquor license. Mandy also wanted the group to approve the attorney fee of \$9,310.00 charged by the City's attorney is over her \$5,000.00 limit. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to approve the City Attorney's bill. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stalnaker, and the motion carried unanimously. Mandy also wanted to get the Councils input on the plaque presented to Mandy from John Hunkele which will be placed at the Waste Water Treatment Facility. Mr. Hunkley wanted the Council to look at the plaque and let him know if the Mayor and Council members listed on the plaque are sufficient or should more names be added from passed Council members. After some discussion the Council's decision was to not add any more names to the plaque.

**5. City Attorney's Report- None**

**6. Department Head's Report-** Randy Lane told the group the parking lot behind the Badcock building is in need of asphalt and today Alderman Retterbush came by the office and found several company's willing to put in bids. The cheapest one we had was \$5,900.00 and that includes the spreading and rolling. This price is a big difference in the original \$13,000.00 previously quoted. We need Council to approve this so we can move forward. Alderman Retterbush made the motion to approve and added they use City and prison labor to spread and mold the asphalt once it is poured, which will save the City six to seven thousand dollars. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Randy also told the group the offer was made for the old mental health building. The offer was for \$135,000.00 and the owners turned it down. The executive director, David said they want to get \$300,000.00, but said they would come down to \$235,000.00 for the building. After speaking with David executive director he said he will take any bid the City wants to offer and bring the offer before the board for approval. Randy spoke to an appraiser and the building is worth \$200,000.00. He also looked into financing the building through GMA and for 15 years at 4% the payments on the building would average \$17,000.00 per year. If we finance the building we will not deplete our SPLOST money. The group discussed the issue and decided to make another offer and finance the building if the offer is accepted. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to make another offer ranging from \$175,000.00 to \$200,000.00 and finance the building if the offer is accepted. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried four to one with Alderman Gaither being opposed. John Reynolds told the group he has 172 forms to fill out for the CDBG and if any of the Council has any free time he could use the help.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC/COUNCIL**

Pearlene Daniels asked the group if they knew who she could get in contact with to find out the history of the lady who Beetree Park was named after. She wants to put together something in her honor. The Council suggested Mayor Parr, Hanson Carter, Johnny Hall, also Bryan Shaw at the Historical Society. Randy Lane updated the group on the grant for park.

Mayor Harper wanted to clarify something he had some confusion about during the last meeting. The Council voted on members for the GMEBS board for the

GMEBS Retirement Plan Restatement at the last meeting. During that time I thought the Mayor was placed on the board but the recorded minutes reflected the Mayor Pro Tem name instead. He asked the Council to allow the Mayor to replace the Mayor Pro Tem on the list. Council agreed.

Alderman Carter wanted the street department to see about filling in some pot holes on Old Coffee and Dogwood.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Alderman Richbourg made the motion to go into Executive Session at 6:37p.m. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stalnaker and the motion carried unanimously. Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:50p.m. The motion was seconded by Alderman Richbourg and the motion carried unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51p.m. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Travis Harper

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Alderman Eric Gaither

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Alderman Dick Perryman

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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 Michael Richbourg

### **ATTEST**

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Tina Ward, City Clerk