

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
MARCH 12, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Henry Yawn

PLEDGE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Stalnaker

WELCOME: Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Stalnaker

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Stalnaker, Aldermen Eric Gaither, Billy Retterbush, Antonio Carter, Dick Perryman, and Mayor Travis Harper (came in later).

STAFF PRESENT: Tina Ward, Mandy Luke, Randy Lane, Henry Yawn, John Reynolds, Tommy Davis, Peter Schultz, and Chief Clayton.

OTHERS PRESENT: Randall Milton, Frank Watts, John Black, Bobby Roberts, John Hunkele, Manny Sanisidro, and Margie Tygart.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Pro-Tem Stalnaker wanted to make a correction on the November 23, 2011, December 12, 2011, and the January 23, 2012 Council meetings. Alderman Retterbush's name needs to be added to the roll call for these meetings. Alderman Perryman made the motion to add Alderman Retterbush to the above meetings roll call. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTIONS OF FORMAL AGENDA- Mayor Pro-Tem Stalnaker asked the group to strike item number one, the Grease Trap Ordinance, this item will be postponed until the next meeting. Also add as item three a beer and wine application for Flash foods. Alderman Perryman made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the changes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Carter and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bid Opening for the Lawn Care Services- Mayor Pro-Tem Stalnaker told the group the City received three bids for the City's lawn care and ground maintenance for the cemetery's. Each bid must submit the following paperwork with their bid. Certificate of drug free workplace, Proof of liability insurance \$500,000.00 per occurrence \$1,000,000.00 aggregate, Proof of vehicle insurance, Proof of workman's compensation insurance, Copy of Georgia Pesticide License, and Proof of Registration with E-Verify. The first bid opened was Garner Lawn Service. The bid was \$1,830.00 per month, and \$21,960.00 per year. The packet was missing the Proof of Registration with E-verify. The second bid was from Nash Landscape & Lawn. The bid was \$2,900.00 per month and \$34,800.00 per year. The packet was missing the Proof of Workman's Compensation Insurance due to the one presented had an expiration date of 1/9/2012. Also the Proof of Registration with E-Verify was also missing. The third bid opened was from Redding All Season Lawn Service. The bid was \$5,830.00 per month and \$69,960.00 per year. The packet was missing the Certificate of Drug Free Workplace, Proof of Workman's Compensation Insurance, and Copy of Georgia Pesticide License. The group discussed the bids and decided that Garner Lawn Care had the lowest bid. Alderman Gaither abstained from voting due to the fact the lowest bidder is related to him. The abstaining from the bid left the Council without a quorum and the group had to postpone the vote until the next Council meeting. Council asked Randy Lane and Mandy Luke to contact Mr. Garner and have him bring in the missing item from his packet. The Council can be polled in order to make a final decision to go with the lowest bid, and the decision can be ratified at the next Council meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Stalnaker wanted the Council to agree with the start date for the lawn mowing contract to be April 1, 2012. Council agreed.

2. Ratify Bid Offer for the Mental Health Building- Randy Lane asked the Council to ratify the decision to raise the offer for the building at 1406 Saddle Club Lane from \$200,000.00 to \$212,500.00 in the open meeting. Alderman Retterbush made the motion to ratify the decision to raise the offer to \$212,500.00. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried three to one with Alderman Perryman opposing.

3. Beer and Wine Application for Flash Foods- Mayor Pro-Tem told the group Flash Foods just underwent a change in management and a new beer and wine license must be issued. All fees were paid and a background history was completed with no records found. Alderman Perryman made the motion to approve the beer

and wine application for Flash Food. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

4. City Manager's/Finance Director's Report- Mandy Luke told the group the audit is back from the State and Mike Sirmans, who is one of our auditors is working on scheduling a time he can come and present the audit to the Council.

5. City Attorney's Report- Mitchell had a family emergency and was not present.

6. Department Head's Report- Mayor Travis Harper arrived at the meeting and apologized to the group for being tardy. John Reynolds told the Council he needs approval to purchase some pipe and supplies to cover up a ditch at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$5,568.75. Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to approve the purchase. The motion was seconded by Alderman Perryman, and the motion carried unanimously. Randy Lane told the group the Chief Chair Person over the Berrien County Certified Community Literate Board would like for the Council to nominate someone from the City to represent the City on that board. The meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in the Library at 10:00am. After some discussion Alderman Carter nominated Randy Lane. Randy also introduced Stephen Rakestraw who is the consultant for the T-Project on Dogwood. Randy wanted the Council to vote on allowing Stephen Rakestraw the official consultant for this project. He added the County used Mr. Rakestraw when this project began and he graciously presented a few of his plans to our Council. Randy also wanted to mention, Mr. Rakestraw help with the Beetree Park grant at no charge. Alderman Retterbush made the motion name Stephen Rakestraw as the Consultant/Engineer on the Dogwood T-Project. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Randy asked Mr. Rakestraw to give a brief update on the project to the Council. Stephen Rakestraw told the group back in October we discussed different concepts for project and now everything has been approved and the money is there for the project. Now Council needs to decide on a concept and then we can proceed with the survey. The Council can hold a Public Hearing and get the public's views on the project. Stephen said he and Randy Lane will coordinate and requesting bids for a surveyor for the Dogwood Project. Mayor Harper wanted Mr. Rakestraw to update everyone about the Beetree Park grant. Stephen said the pre-application for the pre-grant was turned in with my consulting work on the project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC/COUNCIL

Bobbie Roberts wanted to thank Randy Lane, Tommy Davis, Alderman Stalnaker, and Retterbush.

Manny Sanisidro from Gaskins Insurance wanted to question and complain to the Council about their procedures on posting the minutes from each Council meeting and on changing the number of years the City's insurance will be put out for bids.

Tina Ward, the City Clerk told Mr. Sanisidro the Council minutes are usually posted on the City website the day after Council adopts them. Mayor Harper told Mr. Sanisidro the Council made a motion at the last meeting to bid out the City's liability, auto, and property insurance no more than every three years and no less than every two years at the last Council meeting. Mr. Sanisidro told the group the decision to bid the insurance out every two or three years should have been made at last year's meeting when the bid proposals were opened and awarded. He also stated that if the City wanted to bid the insurance out every two years then the request for bids should state that the bidder should include a two year quote.

Frank Watts told the group McPherson is in need of sidewalks. The dirt on the side of the road is washed away and school children are forced to walk in the street. He said he is worried that one of the children will be hurt. Randy Lane said he will contact DOT since that is a State highway. Mr. Watts also wanted to report the West View Cemetery needs to be mowed. He wanted to point out the cemetery has a section of land that is adjacent which needs to be mowed as well.

Alderman Carter told the group Mr. Jason Maples called him last week and wanted something done about an aggressive dog behind his house. The dog bit one of his children on the nose last year and they are still having problems with the dog.

Chief Clayton said he will look into the complaint.

Alderman Stalnaker wanted to remind the group about the Brookfield Auction which will be held on March 17th off of highway 129 North of Nashville. He also wanted to remind everyone about the events scheduled for the end of this month, the Rodeo, and the Cotton Blossom Roundup.

Mayor Harper told the Group they are invited to attend the Wiregrass grand opening which is scheduled for March 29th at 9:00am.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Travis Harper

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderman Dick Perryman

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Michael Richbourg

ATTEST

Tina Ward, City Clerk