

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
MARCH 24, 2014  
6:00 P.M.**

**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 Antonio Carter, Scott Stalnaker, Eric Gaither, and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mandy Luke, Randy Lane, John Reynolds, Peter Schultz, Chief Chuck Edwards, Paul Stagner, and Mitchell Moore.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bryan Shaw, Pearlene Daniels, Allen Davis, Kyle Pearson, and Steve Edwards.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING-** Alderman Carter made the motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPTIONS OF FORMAL AGENDA-** Alderman Carter made the motion to adopt the formal agenda. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Request for Hanna's Hope Park-** Dawn Morrison updated the group on Hanna's Hope Park. She told the group that the project still needs some work done to complete the park. We received a bid from Newbern Construction which includes paving of the park, also a brick wall at the rear of the park and a pedestal for the statute in the middle of the park. The bid is for \$12,500.00. The account for this project has a balance of \$1,345.35. The City has a Memorial Garden account which has around \$20,000.00 and we would like the Council to approve the transfer of the funds from Memorial Gardens account in order to complete the park. Mandy told the group we have no record on when the Memorial Garden account was set up and there are no records stating how the money from this account is to be used. She added the account has been active for a very long time. Alderman Stalnaker asked Dawn if anyone else bid on the project. Dawn said yes we had several bids when the project was bid out but Newbern Construction was the lowest bidder. Alderman Gaither made the motion to transfer the money

from the Memorial Garden account in order to allow Newbern Construction to finish the Hanna's Hope Park project. Alderwoman Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**2. One Year Extension with Advanced Disposal-** Steve Edwards from Advanced Disposal asked the Council to consider extending their contract with the City to a three or five year contract. Mr. Edwards told the group since 2013 when Advance Disposal bought out All-Green we have provided the City with satisfactory services. We have also helped supply the City with several disposal devices during several of the City events. Our company makes contact with the City utility billing clerk, April Copeland every day to make sure the pickups are completed accurately and that no one is missed. We have also contributed to several of the City's events such as the Fishing Rodeo and Toys for Berrien Kids. Mr. Edwards the price increase was rescheduled until the LOST negotiations are complete. We have also discussed for the City's future, recycling and an annual clean up. Alderman Gaither asked Mandy if the City has any complaints about Advanced Disposals services. Mandy said April Copeland has told me of a few complaints most of which were trash not being picked up on time or missed cans but she is working with the people at Advanced on those complaints. Mayor Harper and Alderman Stalnaker complemented the service of Advanced Disposal and added the City has a good relationship with this company. Alderman Gaither made the motion to extend the contract with Advance Disposal to a three year contract. Alderwoman Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

**7. City Manager's/Finance Director's Report-** Mandy handed the Council the bank balances for the City's accounts. She also asked the group about setting up a meeting for all the City's in Berrien County to discuss LOST. Mayor Harper stated that all the City's Mayor's and possibly their City Attorneys need to schedule a meeting so that all four Cities are on the same page going forward with LOST. Mayor Harper stated he will get with each Mayor in the next week and schedule a meeting.

**8. City Attorney's Report-** Mitchell Moore asked the Council if they wanted to pursue the Catering Permit clause. If so we need to schedule a work session. Mayor Harper agreed with Mitchell if the Council wants to pursue the Ordinance. Mitchell updated the group on the City Tennis Courts. He stated he is still working on the concerns and the agreement with the School Board. Mitchell discussed some of the responsibilities proposed.

**9. Department Head's Report-** Chief Edwards told the group the State of Georgia has mandated the Intoxilyzer / Breathalyzer or breathe alcohol testing system the police department has used for the past seven year must be replaced. The instrument will cost \$8,000.00. The Governor's office gave me a call a week ago to congratulate our office for having 100% attendance and participation in the State required meetings. They also informed the Chief that Nashville will be receiving a grant from the Governor's office in the amount of \$8000.00 which will cover the cost of the new instrument. The grant will come from the Governor's office of highway safety and we will be a sub-grantee. The grant will be a 100% refundable grant which means we pay the cost up front and the grant will reimburse. The grant fund will be received sixty days after purchase of the new machine but no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Alderman

Stalnaker made a motion to approve the grant. Alderwoman Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Randy Lane gave an update of Lucy Ross Park (Beetree Park) renovations. The paving is finished, landscaping will be finished this week after trees are planted, need to put up two backboards and drinking fountain, and build a picnic table for the Pavilion. The project should be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Once the project is completed Georgia DNR will come and inspect the Park and we can close out the grant. Randy also updated the group on the BILO building renovations. He met with one of the BILO representatives and they did a walk through the building. They requested higher ceilings in the hall way and the offices and added seven offices which will cost \$15,000.00 to complete. We also ran into some termite damage and the cost for this repair was \$15,000.00 which was \$5,000.00 over the amount set aside. Randy also told the group that Brandon Rice who is installing the plumbing and the electrical has saved the City over \$30,000.00. Randy told the Council, due to the additional seven offices and the ceilings instead of \$50,000.00 left over we will have around \$40,000.00 left over. Randy added due to the changes requested we may not have enough money for the future elevator. Mitchell stated he wants to call them and let BILO know that the arrangement made for a future elevator may not happen due to the changes they requested. Randy also told the group that he was contacted by a lady from AARP which is a smart driver driving course. She would like to use the Community Center and hold a safety driving class for people who are fifty and over. They are a non-profit organization and the twenty dollars they charge goes back into the materials to hold the classes. Bryan Shaw recommended the Library, to hold these classes. Alderman Stalnaker said they can use the Community Center unless someone wants to book it.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC/COUNCIL**

Pearlene Daniels asked that the City to have someone look into the people parking their cars on the street in front of the apartments on Dennis Street. Alderman Stalnaker suggested that Chief Edwards check with the Housing Authority and find out what their policy is on this issue. Bryan Shaw told the group that while he was putting up signs for the rodeo last week he noticed the two convenience stores that are located at each entry of town, have a lot of trash in their parking lots. He asked that someone ask these owners to pick up their trash and clean up their property. Mayor Harper asked Paul Stagner to check into Mr. Shaw's request. Alderwoman Watson thanked everyone who came out and supported the rodeo and the walk this past weekend. Both events did very well. Alderman Gaither asked John Reynolds to check on the cut along the road at Lucille Street. Randy Lane and Alderman Stalnaker commended the Chief and the Police Department on their investigation of the shooting that took place this past weekend. In less than twenty four hours the suspect was apprehended.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Gaither made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45p.m. Alderman Carter 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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Alderwoman Mellisa Watson

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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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Tina Ward, City Clerk