

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
APRIL 8, 2013
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 Aldermen Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter, Scott Stalnaker, Billy Retterbush, Michael Richbourg, Alderwoman Mellisa Watson, and Mayor Travis Harper.

STAFF PRESENT: Tina Ward, Mandy Luke, Paul Stagner, John Reynolds, Henry Yawn, Tommy Davis, Major Edwards, Dawn Morrison, and Mitchell Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Shaw, Kenny Hughes, Manny Sanisidro and Allen Davis.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES- Alderman Richbourg made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTIONS OF FORMAL AGENDA- Alderman Stalnaker asked the Council to add an item to the formal agenda. Item number three needs to be Employee Contractor Agreement. Alderman Retterbush made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the change. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Watson and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Zoning Variance for Bank of Alapaha-Henry Yawn told the group the Bank of Alapaha is requesting a variance of 3 feet on the west side of the bank. Mayor Harper reminded the group that the Council held a Public Hearing at 5:30pm about this request. The purpose of the meeting was to consider a variance of setbacks of 36 inches on the West side of McKinley Street for the Bank of Alapaha. The Greater Berrien Planning Commission approved this request for variance at the March 21st meeting. He added the Bank of Alapaha is doing some renovations to the building and would like the Council to grant this variance. Alderman Retterbush made the motion to grant the variance. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried five to one with Alderman Gaither abstaining from the vote due to his relationship with one of the contractors bidding on the job.

2. Open a New Checking Account for the New Harmonies /Smithsonian Event- Mandy Luke told the group the City needs to open an account for the New Harmonies/ Smithsonian Event. The acct will be opened to receive any funds collected or paid out throughout the event. Once the event is over the account will be closed. The City Auditors require the Councils approval of this in open session. Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to open the new checking account for the New Harmonies/Smithsonian event. Alderwoman Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Employee Contract Agreement- Alderman Stalnaker said he and Randy Lane put together a packet after reading several contract agreements for the City Manager/Finance Director. He handed each of the Council an agreement to look over and make any changes or additions they would like to add in the agreement. He added no action will be taken on this item tonight.

REPORTS

4. City Manager's/Finance Director's Report- None

5. City Attorney's Report- Mitchell is still working on getting something in place for the School Board on the tennis court issue.

6. Department Head's Report- None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC/COUNCIL

Bryan Shaw asked the group why the second reading of the Historic Preservation Ordinance was not put on the formal agenda. Mitchell Moore told Mr. Shaw the Council will hold a Work Session tomorrow and discuss the Ordinance and the Councils concerns on the commitment. He added Ordinance does not designate a specific district all it does is recognize the need for the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Bryan Shaw stated the Ordinance does not have any properties listed or any destination, it only recognizes the need for the Historic district. Mitchell stated as the Ordinance is drafted now, under its classifications as historic property, is contributory and non-contributory or historic, non-historic, vacant, and intrusive. He added we have not designated at this time which direction we are going with. Mayor Harper told the two gentlemen we will discuss this item at the Work Session tomorrow night. Bryan Shaw asked the Mayor when the second reading for this Ordinance will be done. Mayor Harper the second reading will not be done tonight and we will discuss this matter at the Work Session tomorrow evening. Bryan Shaw asked to be included in the Work Session and Mayor Harper told him everyone is invited to attend because it is open to the public.

Allen Davis informed the group on South Berrien and Dennis Avenue some kids have been riding their bikes in the road and he is afraid one of them might get hit by an automobile. Mayor Harper said he will let either Henry Yawn or Paul Stagner with the Code enforcement look into this issue.

Allen also invited everyone to his wedding set for June 15th at Reed Bingham State Park the services will be held at 1:00pm.

Bryan Shaw informed the group that the reason the City must open a checking account for the New Harmonies/Smithsonian is because the Better Hometown is not a (501 C3). Being a (501 C3) would make it easier for organizations making donations that need to be specifically addressed to the organization holding the event rather than the donation being made out to the City and the City having to transfer those funds over to the event. He added in the future the City may want to look into allowing Better Hometown to be a (501 C3). Dawn Morrison announced to the group that Better Home Town is a (501 C3). We did not choose to pay the two thousand dollars so we could be recognized by the IRS simply because we rarely receive donations. Better Hometown would rather have the donations donated directly to the City or the account set up by the City for the event. Bryan stated Better Hometown is tax exempt by the State which means Better Hometown does not have to pay sales tax but they are not able to receive tax deductible funds. Bryan Shaw presented the new advertisement posters for the grand opening of the New Harmonies Fiddle Festival which will be held on May 18th. Bryan Shaw said they will have posters for any businesses to display if wanted. He also stated they are selling t-shirts for the event. He also told the group about the fiddlers that are coming to Nashville to perform for the event. Manny Sanisidro with Gaskins Insurance told the group their company sent in a bid and will be happy to answer any questions anyone has about the bid. He also stated that the new billing the City plans to do in the near future are a great idea especially when the City needs to make announcements. Mandy Luke told Manny that the new size billing should start in June or July. Alderman Richbourg asked that someone follow up on the notifications for the property owners who were concerned about their property before the Work Session on the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Mayor Harper said they will be notified. Mayor Harper recommended Randy Lane follow up with the notifications. Mayor Harper told the group that before tonight's meeting Margie Tygart came by to present me with a copy of the Resolution given to the Nashville Woman's Club for their 100 year anniversary by the Speaker of the House of the Georgia House of Representatives on March 13th, 2013. Ms. Tygart told the Mayor they received a standing ovation from the House of Representatives for their years of service. Mayor Harper stated the City Council would also like to recognize and congratulate the Nashville Woman's Club for their 100 years anniversary and also thank them for all their hard work. Alderman Gaither wanted to see if Tommy Davis would look at cleaning out the drainage ditch at 908 Thomas Street.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20p.m. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Travis Harper

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderwoman Mellisa Watson

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Michael Richbourg

ATTEST

Tina Ward, City Clerk