

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
APRIL 9, 2012
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, Scott Stalnaker, Michael Richbourg, Billy Retterbush, Antonio Carter, Dick Perryman, and Mayor Travis Harper.

STAFF PRESENT: Tina Ward, Mandy Luke, Randy Lane, Henry Yawn, John Reynolds, Tommy Davis, Peter Schultz, Chief Clayton, Joseph Callaghan, Kerry Moore Dawn Morrison, and City Attorney Mitchell Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Randall Milton, John Black, John Hunkele, Allen Davis, Mr. Miles, and Margie Tygart.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Alderman Richbourg made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTIONS OF FORMAL AGENDA- Mayor Harper asked the group to add as item number one, the introduction of new Police officers. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the change. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stalnaker and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduction of Newly Hired Police Officers- Chief Clayton introduced two newly hired police officers to the group. Officer Kerry Moore started his employment with the City around three months ago, and Officer Joseph Callaghan was hired around a month ago. The Council welcomed the new officers.

2. Financing on the New Building for the Police Department- Mitchell Moore spoke to the Banks about financing the building for the Police department. The loan amount is \$212,500.00 and two of the three banks he spoke with will finance the loan. The Bank of Alapaha was not interested in participating in a sharing loan with the other banks. Bank of Alapaha offered 5% interest with a principle reduction in three years and Citizens Bank offered the same. The Citizens Bank was interested in any loan amount whether it was all or part, and Bank of Alapaha was not interested in the participating loan, but would finance the whole amount of the loan. Alderman Richbourg asked Mitchell if he renegotiated the terms with the two interested banks. Mitchell said he was to report back to Council which bank would accept the loan; he did not renegotiate the terms. Mitchell said a Resolution needs to be signed giving Mandy Luke or Randy Lane the authority to choose the Financial Institution the City will finance the building through. The group had some discussion over the loan and the amount of payback. Mandy Luke told the group the payments for the building will be set up in quarterly installments and the loan should be paid in full around eight to ten years. Council asked Randy Lane to ask The Credit Union Bank before they make a final decision. Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to give Mandy Luke or Randy Lane authority to proceed with securing the financing for the police building. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried five to one with Alderman Perryman abstaining from the vote due to the fact he has family in the banking business.

REPORTS

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

4. City Attorney's Report- Mitchell Moore told the group he spoke to the two owners again in reference to closing the alley, which is located on the Northeast corner of the Square. They are still interested in closing the alley, if the City is so inclined to Quit Claim the property and allow it to become a part of the adjoining land owner's property. They are willing to sign over an easement to the City so they can gain access to the utilities. Randy Lane informed the group the owners cannot build over this alley way due to the utilities located there, and one of the owners has contacted Mr. Henry for a building permit to add a deck to his business which will be built over the alley. The Council told Mitchell the alley is still in use by the City because of the utilities located there, and will not be closed.

5. Department Head's Report- Dawn Morrison updated the group on some of the upcoming events. The Harlem Globe Trotters are going to perform Friday, April 13th. She asked Council if anyone of them would like to help by being a

bodyguard for the team, if so they need to let her know because they will be given four free tickets for their family to the see game. Dawn also informed the group about the next first Thursday event. The event is called “Cash Mob” and it will take place at the downtown fountain at 6:00pm on May 3rd. The “Cash Mob” crowd will choose a store downtown and “Mob/Shop” it. Dawn also reminded the group about the Relay for life walk, which is set for April 20th. John Hunkele invited the group to go by and see how far along the construction has come on the new Wastewater Treatment Plant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC/COUNCIL

Mayor Harper told the Council, Friday April 13th, there will be an event at Propex; they are hiring 100 people through work smart. The ceremony and tour of the facility will begin at 10:00am, and lunch at 11:30am. Contact Bill Tillman with a RSVP if any of the Council wants to attend the event. Mayor Harper also told the group about the fund raiser event for Better Hometown. Last week Better Hometown auctioned off tickets for breakfast with the Sheriff, and also asked the Mayor to kiss a frog. He asked the Council to come and support him in the frog kissing event this Friday at the Primary School from 12:30 to 1:30pm. Mayor Harper also handed the group a revised cost estimate list and map of the Water Meter Replacement Project. He asked the Council to look over the handouts and let him know if they have any questions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. Alderman Stalnaker 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