

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
MAY 14, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Henry Yawn

PLEDGE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acting Mayor Pro-Tem Alderman Billy Retterbush

WELCOME: Acting Mayor Pro-Tem Alderman Billy Retterbush

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Aldermen Eric Gaither, Michael Richbourg, Antonio Carter, and Alderman Billy Retterbush was acting Mayor Pro-Tem in the absence of Mayor Harper and Mayor Pro-Tem Stalnaker.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Black, Frank Watts, Allen Davis, Mr. Miles, Brenda Thomas, Debbie Browning, Jamie Chapman, and Julie Ann McBay.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: 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 Retterbush asked the group to change the order of items on the formal agenda. Move item number five to item number one. Alderman Richbourg 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. Main Street Energy Efficiency Financing Program- Julie Ann McBay with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia presented the group with a proposal for the Main Street Energy Efficiency Financing Program. The Main Street Energy Efficiency Financing Program is a municipal service for citizens and customers located within the natural gas distribution systems. The program is a product of the American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) Act of 2009 and funds for the program have been made available from the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) to the State of Georgia, Division of Energy Resources of the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA). GEFA has allocated and will distribute approximately \$5.5 million to interested gas and electric utilities for the purpose of establishing or expanding a residential on-bill financing program to promote energy efficiency. The Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia received \$700,000 on behalf of its Georgia Members for the Main Street Energy Efficiency Program in 2009. The program was so successful we loaned the full amount in less than one year. At the February 22nd meeting our board announced their approval to extend the Main Street On-Bill Financing Program. We are re-launching the program with \$5 million in available funding. The program is an on-bill financing program available for citizens and customers of Georgia Members of the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia. The program is designed to improve energy efficiency in the State of Georgia by providing low-cost financing to residential homeowners for the purchase and installation of efficient natural gas equipment. In addition, consumers are provided financing assistance through the program for qualifying home envelope energy efficiency improvements. Funds are available for residential homeowners where natural gas service is available. On-Bill Financing is a program where any customer who owns their own home can finance a natural gas single water heater for five years with no interest and a \$3.00 per month administrative fee. Members (the City of Nashville) will be reimbursed for each loan made on a monthly basis from the revolving loan fund managed by the Gas Authority. Residential loan payments will be added to the members monthly gas supply invoice. Members will collect these payments from their customers. Members will not be liable for loan defaults, defaults will be managed through the revolving loan fund. So far not one customer has defaulted on their loan. We do ask the Cities that participate in this program to make sure the customers who applied has paid their utility bill on time for at least two years. An example of how the program works is, a customer learns about the program and wants to finance the conversion of a tank water heater to a tank-less water heater. The customer would contact a qualified program contractor to provide an estimate of work. The customer would complete the loan application and provide a copy of estimate of

work. The Member (City) would evaluate the loan application according to eligible activities, qualified contractor, and credit approval process. If the loan is approved, Member (City) utility would authorize the work to begin. Once the work is completed and inspected, the Member (City) utility would pay the contractor the lesser of the amount approved in the loan application or the actual cost. The Member (City) utility would begin billing the customer the appropriate installments plus the monthly administrative fee of 3%. The Member (City) utility would submit the necessary forms to the Gas Authority for reimbursement for the loan from the revolving loan fund. The Gas Authority would bill the Member (City) utility on a monthly basis and collect the payments for all Member (City) utility loans and account for the payments through the revolving loan fund. After some discussion, Alderman Gaither made the motion to extend an invitation to the Municipal Gas Authority for the Main Street On-Bill Financing Program. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Relay for Life Around the Square- Debbie Browning wanted to personally thank the Mayor and Council and all who were involved especially the Police department in helping make the Relay for Life walk a success this year. She said they raised \$36,000 this year for the fight against Cancer and their goal was \$25,000.

3. Ratify the Unexpired term of Office- Alderman Retterbush told the group a Resolution was adopted by Council at the April 23rd Council meeting, confirming the resignation of office from Alderman Dick Perryman and confirming the date for the special election. Council needs to ratify the unexpired term of office for Councilman Dick Perryman. The unexpired term of office was presented as December 31st, 2013 and should have been December 31st, 2015. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to ratify; December 31st, 2015 is the correct unexpired term of office for Alderman Dick Perryman. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution appointing a new voting delegate on the Municipal Gas Authority- Due to the resignation of Alderman Perryman the Council must appoint a new voting delegate for the Municipal Gas Authority. Peter Schultz has been suggested to serve as this bodies voting delegate on the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia's Election Committee. Council needs to adopt the Resolution so that Peter can represent the City of Nashville at the Gas Authority's Annual Membership Meeting in St. Simons Island, Ga. on May 18, 2012. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to appoint Peter Schultz as the new voting delegate for

the City of Nashville to serve on the Municipal Gas Authority Election Committee. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Reschedule or Cancel the May 28th Council Meeting- Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, May 28th, City Hall will be closed. Council needs to either reschedule or cancel the Council meeting set for the holiday. After some discussion the group decided to cancel the meeting for the 28th of May. Alderman Carter made the motion to cancel the Council meeting on May 28th, 2012. Alderman Richbourg seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Alderman Retterbush asked Randy Lane to advertise this cancellation in the local paper.

REPORTS

5. City Manager's/Finance Director's Report- Mandy told the group she would like to set up the date for a Budget Workshop. June 4th or 5th at 5:30 or 6:00 pm. Council discussed the dates and decided to wait for the Mayor to make a decision and the Council can be polled once he has done so. Also Mandy informed the group that she and the Assistant City Manager will be attending the Municipal Gas Authority's Annual Membership meeting in St. Simons Island. The City of Nashville will be presented an award for project of the year for the new gas line in North Berrien County, and we will be there accepting the award with Peter Schultz.

Randy Lane informed the Council about the invitation to attend the Deloach Farm on May 24th at 6:30pm for the Moody Appreciation event. David Deloach wanted to extend this invitation to Mayor and Council. Randy also told the group he would like to discuss updating the Fire department's SOP at a later date, and somehow through miscommunication the number of volunteer Firemen has been reduced from 24 to 21. Council needs to clarify the number of Volunteer Fireman the Fire department can have on staff are 24. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to clarify the number of Firemen the Fire department should have on staff is 24. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

6. City Attorney's Report- Mitchell told the group he spoke with Rob Rhinehart and the closing on the building at 1406 Saddle Club Lane is scheduled to close on Wednesday and will disburse the following day. The Council needs to adopt a Resolution authorizing the duly designated persons to purchase 1406 Saddle Club Lane from South Georgia Community Service Board and to execute all documents for consummation of said purchase. Mitchell also wanted to thank the County for the Easement they gave on the property.

Mitchell also updated the group on the issues with the new lift station project. According to the land owner the City was issued a deed of dedication on some of the streets and the deed references an old plat from 1969. This plat was revised three different times and it is actually a combination of three different subdivisions. Mitchell wanted to put together an affidavit or something acknowledging the fact the streets out there were dedicated initially and subsequently devised according to the revised plat. Mitchell said he is waiting on making a proposal to the individual because of certain procedures and protocol we must go through. Once Kimberly Hobbs from Southern Georgia Regional Commission gives the go ahead to him, he will proceed and will keep Council updated.

7. Department Head's Report- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC/COUNCIL

Frank Watts wanted to know about when the City would proceed with the ditch cleaning on East McPherson. Tommy Davis told Mr. Watts they are working on the list of ditches now.

Jamie Chapman asked the Councils permission to put a temporary deck on the back of his restaurant "Down on the Corner". He said the deck could be removed if the City needed access to the water and gas line located on the property. Council discussed this request at the last meeting and they decided not to allow building on this property, due to the gas, water, and sewer lines located there. The City must have access to these lines at all times. If the City allows this deck to be built over these utility lines and quick access is needed then the City would be liable if anything goes wrong while taking down the deck. Peter Schultz, the Gas Supervisor, told the group the gas line cannot be covered at all. The Councils made the motion against this at the last meeting and the ruling still stands.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Travis Harper

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Michael Richbourg

ATTEST

Tina Ward, City Clerk