

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Aldermen Scott Stalnaker, Eric Gaither, Billy Retterbush, Walter Steward, Alderwoman Mellisa Watson, and Mayor Travis Harper.

STAFF PRESENT: Mandy Luke, John Reynolds, Peter Schultz, Paul Stagner, Chief Edwards, Henry Yawn, Dawn Morrison and Mitchell Moore.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS- Alderman Gaither made the motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTIONS OF FORMAL AGENDA- Need to add an executive session. Alderwoman Watson made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the addition. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Animal Control Adoption Fees** – Chief Edwards addressed the city council concerning the adoption fees for animal control. Our adoption program now consists of having the dogs spayed and rabies vaccinated before releasing to the new owners. We currently charge \$85 for puppies under six months old and \$95 for any older than six months because the cost includes a heartworm exam too. It is highly recommended now that we also add vaccinations for the highly contagious Parvovirus and Bordetella (a.k.a. Kennel Cough). These two vaccinations would normally cost about \$38 but Jody Kelley has negotiated a price of about \$20 with local veterinarians. Chief Edwards stated that he believes we should add these vaccinations to our adoption program and raise our current adoption fees to cover the cost. Current fees would go from \$85 to \$95 and \$95 to \$115. Alderman Retterbush made the motion to approve adding the vaccinations to our adoption program and increasing the fees to cover the costs as suggested by Chief Edwards. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Ratify the Decision to move forward with the EIP Project “Rawhide”**– City Manager, Mandy Luke, told the council that Randy Lane had contacted them on August 26, 2014, about this project. He received the votes to move forward with this project. This decision just needs to be ratified in an open meeting. Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to ratify the decision to move forward with project “Rawhide”. Alderman Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

3. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report-** City Manager, Mandy Luke, informed the council that she had completed the advertisement for the five year history, tax digest and proposed millage rate for the taxes to go out on October 20, 2014. The proposed millage rate is the same at 8 mills.
4. **City Attorney's Report** – City Attorney gave an update on the warehouse property on the Ray City highway. He indicated that he was working on the deeds for tax credits. He also mentioned the benefits and idea of putting the property under the Downtown Development Authority instead of the City of Nashville. This would be handled similar to the BI-LO Building. We would need to open a new bank account for the DDA so the monthly rent payment of \$800 can be deposited into it. We would then offset any expenses the city incurred concerning the DDA. A motion was made by Alderman Stalnaker to move forward with this process. The motion was seconded by Alderman Retterbush. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Department Head's** – The Main Street Director, Dawn Morrison, reminded everyone of the Harvest Festival this month and of the concert scheduled for in October. She also informed the city council of the Farmer's Market grant that she applied for. She said it is not official yet but it looks like we may receive about \$50,000 to use toward promoting the Farmer's Market. When she hears something definite, she will let everyone know about it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kyle Pearson addressed the city council about his request to be exempted from the grease trap requirement for his daycare/child care center. He stated that they just relocated their business and have just moved in. He said nothing has changed from the way they were operating it before at the other location. They use disposable plates, cups, and dinnerware. They buy everything already cooked so that they only have to heat it up and serve. They use foil to put the food on to heat up so there is nothing to wash. They do not fry any food. They were not required to install one at their previous location so he wanted to request the same consideration at the new location. John Reynolds and Paul Stagner were both asked their opinion on the situation. Alderman Steward asked how many kids they currently have and how many did their license cover. Mr. Pearson stated they currently have thirty children and they are licensed for sixty six children. A motion was made by Alderman Stalnaker to allow them to operate until further discussion at the next meeting. Alderman Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

At 6:25 p.m. a motion was made by Alderman Stalnaker to go into executive session. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:25 P.M. – 6:55 P.M.

RESUME REGULAR MEETING

At 6:55 p.m. a motion was made by Alderman Stalnaker to come out of executive session. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion. All agreed to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Alderman Gaither 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 Walter Steward

ATTEST:

Brenda Swain, Deputy Clerk