

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
OCTOBER 14, 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 Harper, Aldermen Scott Stalnaker, Eric Gaither, Walter Steward, Antonio Carter, and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mandy Luke, John Reynolds, Randy Lane, Peter Schultz, Chief Edwards, Dawn Morrison, April Copeland and Mitchell Moore.

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

**ADOPTIONS OF FORMAL AGENDA-** Mitchell Moore asked the council to add a brief executive session to the formal agenda. Alderwoman Watson made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the addition. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Kyle Pearson to Address the Council on the Grease Trap Issue for the Daycare –** Mr. Pearson addressed the City Council again concerning their recent decision to require him to install a grease trap at his new location. He asked the council not for leniency but an exemption from the requirement of the grease trap ordinance. Mr. Pearson said he had given the council an affidavit stating that he would not be actually cooking food at his new location. He would only be heating up the pre-cooked food. Mayor Harper stated he was not present at the last meeting where the council voted to go with John Reynolds recommendation on requiring a 500 gallon grease trap for this new location. Mayor Harper stated that his opinion is to allow the exemption and check periodically to make sure there are no problems. If a problem arises, then deal with it. Alderwoman Watson stated that we are following our own guidelines. Mr. Pearson said an exemption was given back in 2011 and Alderman Stalnaker stated he didn't remember giving the exemption and discussed about going back to look in the official minutes. Alderman Carter spoke in favor of allowing the exemption. Alderman Steward also agreed to the exemption. Alderman Carter made a motion to all the exemption for this new location. Alderman Steward seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Alderwoman Watson – No, Alderman Carter – Yes, Alderman Gaither – No, Alderman Stalnaker – No, Alderman Steward – Yes. The motion failed 3 to 2. Mayor Harper stated that one of the ones voting against it would have to bring it back up in order to vote on it again.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Affidavit & Resolution for the September 22, 2014 Executive Session. –**Alderman Gaither made the motion to adopt and approve the Resolution for the Executive Session

held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Watson and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Ronald Griner addressed the City Council about his business.** – Mr. Griner handed out a paper for the council to look at. This is concerning the problem he has been having with the historic preservation ordinance. Mr. Griner uses a board nailed between two posts certain times of the year to help block the evening sun from going into his business. He had been told that it did not meet the historic preservation guidelines. He continues to receive letters about this. Mayor Harper said that he could save him some time because this has already been discussed and action taken on it. Alderman Carter then made a motion to go by the historic preservation guidelines. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Alderwoman Watson – No, Alderman Carter – Yes, Alderman Gaither – Yes, Alderman Stalnaker – No, and Alderman Steward – No. The motion failed 3 to 2.
3. **Surplus Military Bulldozer**– Assistant City Manager, Randy Lane, informed the council that we have a military bulldozer is not running and would cost too much to repair. He asked that the council declare it surplus property and we sell it for scrap metal. He received two bids on someone taking the bulldozer and moving it and us receiving the money for the scrap metal. The first price is \$1,200 from Hall’s Salvage. The seconded price is \$1,000 from Riley’s Salvage. Mr. Lane recommended that the council go with the price of \$1,200 which is Hall’s Salvage. Alderman Stalnaker made a motion declare the bulldozer surplus property and to go with the quote from Hall’s Salvage. Alderman Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

4. **City Manager’s/Finance Director’s Report**– None.
5. **City Attorney’s Report** – Mitchell Moore gave an update on the Cherry Drive project. We had agreed to the \$5,000 price for the work already completed. We are looking at a 30 day contract for the upcoming construction on the street. Mitchell is also working on the right of way certifications for the Gas Line Project to Alapaha.
6. **Department Head’s** – Peter Schultz stated that Greg Weaver had inquired about the city possibly helping with installing a driveway. It was discussed and decided that is will be up to them to take care of and the city wouldn’t be able to help. Dawn Morrison stated that we have been awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Nashville Farmer’s Market to be used for promotions and advertising. Also, Toys for Tots or Toys for Berrien Kids have decided to do a drawing for a free water bill for residential customers only if they bring in a toy to donate with a value of at least \$15. April Copeland addressed the council concerning our sanitation fees. Since Advance Disposal has gone up on the charges we pay, we are not recouping the cost from the customers on some of the dumpsters. She handed out a list for them to review with her recommendations on new prices that the city would charge the commercial customers that have dumpsters. Alderman Stalnaker made a motion to increase the fees according to Mrs. Copeland’s recommendations so we do not lose money. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Chief Edwards informed the council that the new Tahoe’s should be delivered Wednesday afternoon. Randy Lane handed out a project update for the council to review. He stated that the Project plans, specifications, and bid documents on the Chaparral Boats project will be ready to advertise in a week to ten days subject to the city’s approval. It is the hope of Chaparral to have Plant 5 running at the end of the year. The city has received eight (8) bids for the sewer line extension to the building for the project “Rawhide”. The bids will be opened and graded and ready for the council’s approval at the next council meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Clayton from the Carrie Dorsey Perry Memorial Library addressed the council with her concerns of the funds for the library being cut by the city because of the recent LOST negotiations. She handed out a letter to the council with six (6) reasons why the funding for the library should be kept at the current funding level. She requested the council to read the letter and consider these reasons in their decision process. William O'Connell brought in samples of his water and sat it on the table in front of the council members. The water samples had a rusty color to it. John Reynolds said he felt the color is because the line is really too big and should be a smaller line. It is also on a dead end line. John Reynolds was asked to look into the cost of replacing the line and to report back to the council. Mark Worthy introduced himself to the council. He submitted a recent RFP for this company for engineering services and he wanted the council to be able to put a face with the company. He is with Innovate Engineering Solutions, LLC.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made by Alderman Stalnaker to go into executive session. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:05 P.M. – 7:25 P.M.**

### **RESUME REGULAR MEETING**

At 7:25 p.m. a motion was made by Alderman Stalnaker to come out of executive session. Alderman Steward seconded the motion. All agreed to the motion. A motion to close the deal on the warehouse was made by Alderman Stalnaker. Alderman Steward seconded the motion. All agreed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Alderman Steward 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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Brenda Swain, Deputy Clerk