

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
November 13, 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, Antonio Carter, Michael Richbourg, Scott Stalnaker, Alderwoman Mellisa Watson and Mayor Travis Harper.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tina Ward, Randy Lane, Mandy Luke, Peter Schultz, Major Chuck Edwards, and Dawn Morrison.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Randal Milton, Allen Davis, John Black, and Marge Morris.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES-** Alderman Richbourg requested that Mandy Luke be marked as present at the last Council meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with the change. Alderwoman Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPTIONS OF FORMAL AGENDA-** Mayor Harper requested that the Okefenokee Occasion be added to the formal agenda as item number five. Alderman Gaither 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. Application for Beer and Wine license for Flash Foods-** Mayor Harper told the group that Patrick Conner Jones has applied for a beer and wine license for the

Flash Foods convenience store located on Davis Street. All fees have been paid and the applicant's background was completed with no records found. Mitchell Moore pointed out that the boxes were marked no instead of yes on the background history. The record should reflect that the individual's background history was completed and no records were found. Alderman Gaither made the motion to grant the beer and wine license to Flash Foods located on Davis Street. Alderman Richburg seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**2. Alcohol License for new Business Owner-** Marge Morris is leasing her business to another individual but Marge will still have a hand in the business. Since 2012 is almost over, Marge wanted to continue using her license to serve alcohol and change it over the first of the year. Mandy Luke asked Mitchell if he investigated the request made by Marge Morris. Mitchell told the group his understanding is that Marge is leasing the business to someone else but she will still be involved in the business. There has been no transferring of the ownership so the license can remain in Marge Morris's name. Alderman Richbourg agreed with Mitchell and added that the license can be changed after the first of the year.

**3. Request for New Sidearm Mower-** Mandy Luke told the group that Randy Lane called and got some bids for much needed sidearm mower to clean out the ditches in the City. The lowest bid was for \$18,500.00 from Nashville Tractor. Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to approve the purchase of the sidearm mower from Nashville Tractor. Alderman Richbourg seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**4. Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) -** Mayor Harper told the group Georgia DOT requires cities to send in a list of streets to be paved under LMIG. This year the City of Nashville will be receiving \$51,508.00 from GADOT for such paving, sidewalk repair and patching. The money does come with a \$15,000.00 match which per Mandy Luke we can use SPLOST dollars. The list must be turned in to DOT before January 1, 2013. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to enter into the agreement with DOT. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**5. Okefenokee Occasion-** Mayor Harper told the group they need to authorize paying \$600.00 to participate in the Okefenokee Occasion which is scheduled in February. The total amount is \$1500.00 but the other cities in the county, Enigma, Ray City, and Alapaha, have agreed to pay \$300.00 each so that leaves the City of Nashville with \$600.00 to pay to participate. Alderman Richburg made the motion

to authorize the \$600.00 to participate in the Okefenokee Occasion. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

**6. City Manager's/Finance Director's Report-** Mandy Luke told the group she has prepared a Budget Resolution for the Council's approval. This Resolution is from the fiscal year 2011-2012 budget, for the purpose of transferring money within the General, Water and Gas funds. (See attached). Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to adopt the Resolution to Amend the Budget. The motion was seconded by Alderman Carter and the motion carried unanimously. Mandy told the group she has prepared another Resolution to Amend the Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013. The purpose of this Resolution is to provide appropriations for the General fund by re-appropriating or transferring budgeted money within the general fund departments. This amendment is the result of terminating our lawn contract and moving an employee from the street department to the parks/cemeteries department to be a groundskeeper. (See attached). Alderman Richbourg made the motion to adopt the Resolution to amend the Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Harper updated the group on Hogan Project. He said the first phase of the project has been funded in the amount of \$162,000.00 and needs to be approved by Council. He displayed some of the sketches given to him by the Engineer.

Alderman Gaither made the motion to move forward with the first phase of this project. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**7. City Attorney's Report-** Mitchell handed the Council a copy of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City by amending Article II sewer use; section 29-51 permit; application fee by deleting section 29-51 in its entirety and adopting in lieu thereof section 29-51 permit, application, fee for two classes of building sewer permits; residential, commercial service, and industrial service. Mitchell purposed that this constitute the first reading of this Ordinance. Mitchell updated the group on Tally Ally. He said the Family Life Center at the Methodist Church decided not to install a holding pond. They decided to install a fourteen inch line underneath Berrien Street which will discharge into the ditch beside the cemetery. He said the entire lot has been re-graded so that the forty percent of the runoff that was going down Tally Alley will now go north. Mitchell also updated the group on the LOST negotiations. He said petitions have been filed. GMA was brought in and they are acting as a HUB. There are not many

cases pending in the State of Georgia, Lowndes County, Vidalia, Lyons, Toombs County, and Chatham County. We are sharing pleadings through GMA because these cases have some of the same attorney's. Toombs, Lions, and Vidalia are in first place. They have scheduling orders and a judge is scheduled so they are proceeding. We do not have a judge assigned to our case and we need a judge assigned before we can move forward. The money collected from LOST will continue to be collected and disbursed under the existing certificate until the County is directed not to do so. Mitchell told the group for now we are in a holding pattern.

**8. Department Head's Report-** Dawn Morrison told the group the Christmas tree lighting is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and the snow is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and she wanted to see if the Fire department would help during this time. Mayor Harper suggested the Major ask the Chief to get some of his officers to help out with the snow on Friday. Dawn also told the group the brick pavers are still on sale for the Hogan project. We have sold 300 and our goal is to sell 500. Proceeds will go towards the landscaping, painting or any work needed to complete this project.

Tommy Davis thanked the Council for approving the purchase of a new sidearm mower.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC/COUNCIL**

John Black asked the Council to have someone check on the house located on MLK Drive. He said the house is located on the dirt road part of MLK Drive and it is a dumping site now. Mayor Harper asked Mr. Henry Yawn to go by and look into this matter. John Black also asked if MLK Drive was on the list to be repaved. Mayor Harper said MLK is on the list every year. DOT chooses which roads get paved even though we send in the list. John Black asked who is over our district, and Mayor Harper told him Jeff Bridges.

Allen Davis invited everyone to his surprise birthday party this Saturday at 7:30p.m. The party will be given by his Mom at 303 West Dennis.

Mitchell Moore wanted to continue with his updates on Talley Alley. He said the City closed this alley several years but the Deed was never signed. He said seven or eight years ago the Deed was completed and a Resolution was adopted. Mitchell would like for this Council to consider formally signing the Deed.

Mayor Harper asked if anyone was going to attend Mayors Day.

Alderwoman Watson told the group that Ms. Linda Cornelius is going to be at the Community Center on Thanksgiving Day feeding anyone who is in need of a Thanksgiving dinner. Alderwoman Watson told the group that it would be a nice

gesture if anyone wanted to bring something by the Community Center or donate anything to help her feed these families that don't have Thanksgiving dinner.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55p.m. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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Alderman Eric Gaither

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Alderman 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 Michael Richbourg

**ATTEST**

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Tina Ward, City Clerk