

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
JANUARY 26, 2015
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 Travis Harper, Antonio Carter, Eric Gaither, Scott Stalnaker, Walter Steward and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

STAFF PRESENT: Mandy Luke, Jackie Jordan, Peter Schultz, Paul Stagner, Chief Edwards, Dawn Morrison and Mitchell Moore

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

ADOPTIONS OF FORMAL AGENDA- Alderman Eric Gaither made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with Executive Session added. Alderman Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Beer, Wine & Liquor license** – One Beer, Wine & Liquor license for Blue Swan by Willie Davis was presented for approval. Scott Stalnaker made the motion to approve the Beer, Wine & Liquor license. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously except for one descending vote by Antonio Carter.
2. **GMA Certified City of Ethics** – Mandy Luke informed the council of a letter received by GMA in December 2014 that the City is scheduled to recertify in 2015 as a Georgia Certified City of Ethics. She further stated the first opportunity was to have been done by January 5, 2015 to be recognized at Mayor's Day conference which did not get done. The second opportunity is to have it done by April 1, 2015 to be recognized at the GMA Annual Convention in June. Mitchell Moore stated he is working on this.
3. **Council Department Appointments and Mayor Pro-tem** – The mayor addressed the Council that it is time to switch the council department heads if anyone has a desire to change from their current department or keep it as it is. The Council responded to remain as it currently is. Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to approve it as is. Alderman Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

4. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mandy stated she needs to get with Mitchell after the meeting about another item but states the need to set up a work session

soon. She further explained an incentive program brought up by Crissy Staley at the Economic Roundtable meeting last week where Crissy would like the City & County to get an incentive plan together so she will have something in writing of what we can offer an industry or anyone who wants to come in since a quick turnaround is the best. Scott Stalnaker is on that board and further explained that they are trying to put together a proposal with both the City and the County to give Dawn Morrison and Crissy the authority of what we may be able to offer them to come in. It would not be binding but some sort of guideline to start out but would depend on job placement, size of industry, etcetera. Mayor Harper suggested planning a Work Session February 18, 2015 at 5:30 to discuss this along with other issues that need to be addressed including the incentive plan, Ms. Price and the Blue Swan issue, budget changes due to a loss of LOST funds that Mandy and Randy previously discussed, and any minor changes to ordinances such as how Mayor Pro-tem is selected. The council expressed to Mitchell Moore a need to make the street next to the post office, McPherson, a one way street and wants this discussed at the next work session.

5. **City Attorney's Report**– Mitchell Moore reported he has a signed utility easement in hand for the gas line project and has submitted a title opinion to their legal counsel. Also, Mitchell stated on the Chaparral pending project, he has gotten them information submitted as requested and is waiting on the return to go to Roy Guy and Chaparral. The council presented the question if there is a time line on this deal which Mitchell stated there had been changes in the project since original project so there is none that he is aware of. Mitchell further reported a need for the council's input on another matter that may need to wait until the next work session to further discuss inquiries by an individual to purchase the Perkins property and the need for a going thru the urban residential redevelopment agency to have it titled as opposed to going thru a land bank due to length of time to do so. The mayor suggested getting DCA and USDA here to find out what kind of funding on this type of project is available before getting much more involved in it. Mitchell brought up the police grant fund inquiring of the paperwork needed to complete police grant fund which Chief Edwards gave him more information concerning that.
6. **Department Head's** – Paul Stagner inquired if the Perkins property can be boarded up now due to the quick claim deed. The mayor answered yes to move forward as needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Pearson requested a six month extension of the installation of a grease trap at his daycare business while waiting on approval from the state on a food program for the summer. Mellisa Watson asked him approximately how long the approval process may take. He further explained what items he has in the kitchen in the business after removing the stove. The council further discussed the number of extensions and length of extensions on this previously. Mellisa Watson made the motion to approve the extension. The motion was seconded by Scott Stalnaker and the motion carried unanimously. Bryan Shaw stated he has received the dates of when the Smithsonian event will take place in Nashville which will run six weeks from August 13, 2016 thru September 24, 2016. He also discussed that other events will be taking place during this time and the subject or theme of it will be a sports theme along with the need for the Community Center to plan organizational meetings.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mellisa Watson expressed her thanks to Chief Edwards and the Police Department for their help during a recent break in of some of their trucks at her business and keeping a watch out on her business. Eric Gaither inquired if there is a date of when the water/sewer line issue at the intersection of Smith Avenue and Old Coffee Road will be completed. Scott Stalnaker commended Bryan Shaw on his dedication and work involved in this and other projects he has worked on for the community. Eric Gaither made a motion to go into Executive Session @ 6:35 pm. The motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Stalnaker and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:35 P.M. – 6:53 P.M.

RESUME REGULAR MEETING

At 6:53 p.m. a motion was made by Alderman Stalnaker to come out of Executive Session. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Eric Gaither made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Travis Harper

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderman Mellisa Watson

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Walter Steward

ATTEST:

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk