

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
FEBRUARY 9, 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, Aldermen Scott Stalnaker, Billy Retterbush, Antonio Carter, Eric Gaither, Walter Steward and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mandy Luke, Jackie Jordan, John Reynolds, Peter Schultz, Chief Edwards, Dawn Morrison and Mitchell Moore

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

**ADOPTIONS OF FORMAL AGENDA-** Mellisa Watson made the motion to adopt the formal agenda. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Approve the Affidavit and Resolution for the Executive Session held on January 26, 2015** – Eric Gaither made the motion to adopt and approve the Affidavit and Resolution for the Executive Session from the previous meeting. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
2. **Lawton White to address Council concerning housing development on Perkins Drive** – Lawton White addressed the Council concerning the property on Perkins Drive which the City has been working on obtaining and making considerations as to what may be done. He stated he currently owns other property adjacent to Perkins Drive which he has been renovating for rental property. He expressed an interest that he would like to obtain this property depending on negotiations of price and briefly touched on his interest of what he might like to do with the property negotiations were satisfactory to both he and the City. The Mayor responded the City is still trying to determine what the City plans to do with the property once transfer is officially established. The Mayor further responded the City would be willing to consider his offer at that time.
3. **Karen Crews to address Council concerning moving her business, Brown Bag, and grease trap** – Karen Crews addressed the Council that she plans to move her business to a nearby location. She further stated she had installed a 70 gallon under sink grease trap at her current location. Her question to the Council is whether she can move her business and her grease trap as it is retaining the same grease trap since nothing about her business would change. John Reynolds was asked about his experience upon inspecting this grease trap. His reply was it may be too small. Scott Stalnaker inquired as to how often it is being emptied. There was further discussion concerning the size of the grease trap and how often it should be emptied more often. A motion was made by Mellisa Watson to

allow Karen Crews to move and keep it as it currently is. Walt Steward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Mellisa Watson-yes, Walt Steward-yes, Eric Gaither-yes, Scott Stalnaker-yes, Billy Retterbush-no, Antonio Carter-no. Alderman Retterbush and Carter expressed a concern of inconsistency in this issue.

## REPORTS

4. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mandy Luke addressed the Council concerning the Revenue and Expenditure Report for February. She stated SPLOST has been decreasing due to County receiving more of the money. She stated the City has had extra expenses recently and has had to purchase new equipment. Also, the backhoe the City currently uses needs to be replaced and gave an overview of the two lease options currently under review from research done by Peter Schultz. It was decided to add this to the next Work Session. Mandy brought up the details of the new truck being obtained for Code Enforcement thru a grant. She further discussed the need of a four wheel drive pickup truck for the Gas Department due to the accessibility of the area of the new Gas line extension in the northern part of the County. She mentioned the details of the current purchase for Code Enforcement and that another one could be obtained for the same price. Upon further discussion of the Council, Eric Gaither made a motion to move ahead with the purchase of a new four wheel drive truck from Mike Burch Ford for the Gas Department. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mandy updated the Council as to problems with the Community Center. There was recently an issue with the floor where it was found to be infested with termites and was corrected and fixed. While doing this, it was found that there is a problem with the roof as well and needs replacing. She provided the Council with information already obtained for a couple of different options on the replacement of the roof. There was further discussion of the type of roof that may be the best option. A motion was made by Eric Gaither to obtain more quotes. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion adding the need to discuss same with Bryan Shaw concerning the Historic District codes and the motion carried unanimously.
5. **City Attorney's Report**– Mitchell Moore brought up the topic presented by Lawton White discussing the titling of same and possible development under Urban Redevelopment along with the encouragement of private enterprise. Mitchell gave an update on the Dupont Pine project stating the title opinion has been sent for approval and has since received permits on same. Mitchell mentioned the Chaparral project is lacking the waiver of borrower's rights. Mitchell updated the Council that he is still revising the Affidavit needed for the City to receive the money from the grant in connection with the completion of the Beetree Park project. Billy Retterbush asked Mitchell for an update on the case of the loss of SPLOST to the County. It was decided this issue needs to be added to the next work session.
6. **Department Head's** – Peter Schultz stated Mr. Watkins' drawing and specifications have been sent to EDA for approval and hopes it to be out for bids by the end of the month. Chief Edwards expressed his thanks to the Council for allowing the addition of the new truck for Animal Control and how pleased they are with it. He also introduced the new Police Officer, Anthony Hughes.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Trowell & Shirley Warren approached the Council with their concerns and issues concerning problems with the smell of the water on Hull Avenue. They further mentioned they had replaced the hot water heater which made no change and how impressed they were with the efforts of John Reynolds but the problem still exists. John Reynolds stated it is at a dead end which affects the circulation and they have already replaced pipes from Davis Street to the other

end of Hull Avenue. John further stated the only other option would be to replace the main located on Davis Street. The Council assured them to look into it and do what they can do to correct the situation.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Eric Gaither expressed his thanks to John Reynolds for getting an issue at the Ice House corrected and his thanks to Peter for getting an issue with a tree at the Library taken care of. The Mayor expressed his appreciation to Dawn of how well the Chili cook off went. Scott Stalnaker expressed his thanks to Buck Warren and Steve Adams for the efforts of the Fire Department in the City's ISO rating getting reduced from a five to a four and further stated the effect of this in decreasing insurance premiums for homeowners. The Mayor also expressed his appreciation of the Fire Fighters and the Police Officers in regards to a tragic fire in town the previous Friday night giving a brief description of what occurred.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Billy Retterbush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Scott Stalnaker 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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Jackie Jordan, City Clerk