

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
APRIL 28, 2011**

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 Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter, Michael Richbourg, Dick Perryman, and Billy Retterbush.

STAFF PRESENT: Tina Haughton, Randy Lane, Tommy Davis, Peter Schultz, John Reynolds, Henry Yawn, Major Edwards, and City Attorney Mitchell Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Randall Melton, Frank Watts, Brenda Thomas Patrick Garner, Michael Bradley, Larry Burton, and Allen Davis.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adopt the Minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Carter and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA- Mayor Harper requested the group strike out item number four due to the absence of Dawn Morrison. He also requested they add a couple of items to the formal Agenda, as item number four, the Statewide T-Project, as item number five the City wide Clean Up, he also added a brief Executive Session. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to approve the formal agenda with the changes. Alderman Perryman seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lawn Services for the City Cemeteries- Mayor Harper told the group the City advertised for bids on the lawn services for the City Cemeteries for May 1st, 2011 to May 1st, 2012. The bids were opened on April 28th, 2011 in the presence of Randy Lane, John Reynolds, Mandy Luke, and Tommy Davis. M & J's Lawn Service bid \$750.00 per month. Garner Lawn Care bid \$ 1,830.00 per month, and South Georgia Lawn bid \$3,000.00 per month. Mayor Harper recommended the Council make a motion to approve the lowest bid which was M & J's Lawn Service for \$750.00 per month. The group had some discussion about the whether or not M & J Lawn Service should have workman comp insurance or if it should be required. They discussed the low bid would have an unfair advantage if work mans comp insurance is required then they may need to rethink their bid. The group decided if the insurance is a requirement the bid would have to stay the same, the only choice is to retract it and in that case the contract would go to the next lowest bidder. Alderman Richburg made a motion to go with the lowest bid contingent upon the bid stays the same after the work mans comp issue is

resolved. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion. Alderman Gaither abstained from voting due to being related to one of the bidders. Mayor Harper asked for a roll call vote. Alderman Perryman voted no, Alderman Retterbush voted yes, Alderman Carter voted no, and Alderman Richburg voted yes and the Mayor broke the tie vote by voting yes on the motion and the motion carried.

2. Resolution appointing a representative to serve as the City's Voting delegate on the Municipal Gas Authority. Mayor Harper told the group Gail Lee with the Municipal Gas Authority sent a notice that the 2011 Election for the Gas Authority's Annual Membership Meeting will be held in St. Simmons Island, Friday, May 13, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. There are three, three year term slots to be filled during this meeting. If our delegate or alternate delegate has changed, which it has, a certified copy of a resolution naming the new delegate and the alternate should be delivered on or before Monday, May 9th, 2011. Mayor Harper told the group the City has delegated Alderman Dick Perryman to serve as the City's voting delegate on the Municipal Gas Authority and the alternate delegate Mayor Travis Harper will stay the same. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to except the resolution. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gaither and the motion carried unanimously.

3. New Tractor and Boom Mower Purchase- Randy Lane told the group the tractor with the boom mower from the City's street department was sold at auction for \$6,000.00. I have checked into putting the old mower on the Ford Tractor belonging to the Water/Sewer department. This tractor is 4 to 5 inches higher than the one sold at auction and would present a problem once the mower is installed which will cost \$10,000.00. The clutch is also another problem with the tractor and the frequent stops at low speeds will wear it out in a year's time. The cost for replacing the clutch will be \$1,500.00 each. The Boom mower we currently have has some issues as well. When it is in operation it has a tendency to sling limbs and roots everywhere, which is hazardous to passersby, due to the fact there is no protective glass it also be harmful to the person operating it. I spoke with Rick Carter from Nashville Tractor and asked him if the tractor would be safe to operate, he replied, if the protective glass which would cost around \$5,000.00 was placed on the tractor it should be ok. The only problem would then be the height of the tractor and the stability when cutting on uneven ground. I also asked Mr. Carter to price a new tractor and boom mower. He said with the trade in of the Water/Sewer Tractor along with the boom mower the cost would be \$20,000.00. If we consider the cost of installation of the mower and the protective glass as well as replacing the two clutches the total would be around \$18,000.00. For a few thousand more the City could have a new tractor and mower, if we decide to trade for a new tractor and mower. If Council chooses to purchase a new tractor and mower the proceeds from the auction would be used to pay the difference in the trade in. Alderman Richbourg asked if this item should be put out for bids before a decision is made. Mitchell Moore said he understood anything over \$5,000.00 would need to be advertised for bids. Alderman Retterbush requested Randy advertise the item and ask for bids from different manufactures', such as Kabota, John Deer as well as Ford. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to advertise for bids on the tractor and the boom mower. Alderman Perryman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Statewide T-Project- Mayor Harper told the group on April 13th Statewide opened bids on the phase two of the T-Project. Mandy Luke, Randy Lane, and many of the bidding engineers were in attendance. The lowest bid came from AC

Blount Concrete Services at \$161,448.25. The next lowest bid was from Water Construction Company at \$199,670.00. The third lowest bid was Greene Concrete at \$203,378.00. The fourth lowest bid was John Lavender & Associates at \$358,710.00. Contingent upon DOT review and approval Statewide recommends AC Blount Concrete Services who is the lowest bidder at \$161,448.25 be awarded. Alderman Perryman made a motion to award the lowest bidder AC Blount Concrete Service contingent upon DOT review and approval. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. City Clean-up Week- Mayor Harper commended the Street department for a job well done during last week's cleanup. He said unfortunately the Citizens have begun to take advantage of the week and recommended the cleanup be stopped. In the past the City provided the clean up week as a free service to only the citizens of Nashville. The cost for the cleanup has more than doubled in cost. He said some of the County residences have begun to include their trash for cleanup by dumping it in various piles throughout the City. Mayor Harper said we have a few residences that will wait for this week of cleanup to tear down buildings or trailers. He said this is not what we originally set out to do when the City clean up first started. Mayor Harper also informed the group that Allgreen will provide this service for individual residence for a small fee. Mayor Harper said this is a free service which is being abused from year to year. Alderman Richbourg suggested the City suspend this free service until further notice and advertise it in the local paper.

REPORTS

3. City Manager's/ Finance Director's Report- Randy Lane told the group the City Manager is on vacation but asked me to inform everyone the City has decided to go with a the PPO 1512 plan on the City's Health Insurance. The plan will provide for lower co-pay and we will use the \$1,500.00 reimbursement method for the employees who meet their deductible.

4. City Attorney's Report- Mitchell Moore updated the group on the gas project between Nashville and Tifton. He said we have exchanged the agreement and are currently working on the contract between the City's and the customers. He said we hope to have those contracts signed by the end of the week. Mayor Harper informed the group Stacey Watkins from Watkins and Associates will be here on to open bids for the Gas project on Thursday and we need to have a Special called meeting on May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. to formally state the recommendation and award the project.

5. Department heads Report- Tommy Davis thanked everyone who helped with this year's City cleanup.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Frank Watts asked the group when the City plan to start the mosquito spraying. Randy Lane told him the Street department will begin spraying Monday night.

Larry Burton asked the Council to consider reducing the water bill charged to his church. He said they have no leaks and somehow the water usage will be fine one month and then spike up the next month. In February this year our water bill was \$500.00 and this month the bill is \$75.00. He said John Reynolds has checked for

leaks and none were found, but the water did go through the meter. Alderman Richbourg asked John what he recommended. John said the only thing he could approve without the Council's approval is to take off the cost of the sewer and the bill will still be \$290.00. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to take off the entire sewer and one half the water charges, for the Church, which would bring the bill down to \$145.00. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Harper wanted to invite everyone to attend the "jaws of life" presentation at the fire department at 7:00p.m. He also wanted to remind everyone about the district eleven Mayor, Managers, Clerks, and Councilmember's spring meeting on May 4th, at the Community Center at 11:30a.m.

Alderman Retterbush wanted to announce the grant the City received from Deep South Solid Waste. He said we received \$20,000.00 out of \$40,000.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Richbourg made a motion to go into executive session at 6:05 p.m. Alderman Perryman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:45 p.m. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED

Alderman Richbourg made a motion to give Mitchell Moore the authorization to offer up to \$1,000.00 to the land owners at Reedy Creek, Jeff Dorsey and Dee Dorsey Shiver for flooding of their land caused by the new waste water treatment plant. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried three to one with Alderman Perryman abstaining and Alderman Retterbush voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46p.m. Alderman Perryman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Travis Harper

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderman Dick Perryman

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Michael Richbourg

ATTEST

Tina Haughton, City Clerk