

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
FEBRUARY 14, 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, Scott Stalnaker, Dick Perryman, and Billy Retterbush.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Randall Melton, Brenda Thomas, Lamar Jowers, Ms. Simmons, and John Hunkele.

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

**ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA-** Alderman Stalnaker made a motion to approve the formal agenda. Alderman Richbourg seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Update from Coastal Engineering-** John Hunkele updated the Council on the plans for the Water Sewer Treatment Plant. He said the plans are ready and bids should go out by the next Council meeting. The contracts for the facility are split up into multiple construction contracts the reason for this is because the facility will need special contractors who are qualified to do the job and we will have more bidders for each contract. The main lift station has a special construction contract, the outfall pipe to the river has a special construction contract and the treatment plant has a special construction contract. John said he has a meeting with EPD on Wednesday for the final plant approval. Also have a meeting with the construction management unit of EPD along with GEFA to go over some of the other details and requirements of the contractors and subcontractors. Some of the things that still need to be done are the filing of the permit for the wetlands permit. Geotechnical work on the existing plant site and a proposal is on the way for that item. Randy Lane asked John if some of this work can be done in-house in order to keep the cost of construction down. John Hunkele said he would talk to GEFA and see if some of the work can be done in-house.

**2. Ratify the Biological Assessment-** John Hunkele told the group the Biological Assessment has been completed. We are on a strict timeline to meet all the requirements by the end of March. Council has been poled and the majority voted to move forward and sign this agreement with Tindall Enterprises, Inc. Council needs to ratify this agreement. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to ratify the Biological Assessment with Tindall Enterprises. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**3. Re-Certification as a City of Ethics-** Randy Lane told the group in order for the City of Nashville to be recertified as a “City of Ethics” we will have to pass another Resolution and send a copy of our Ethics Policy to GMA by June 2011. Alderman Perryman made the motion to pass the Resolution recertifying the City of Nashville as a “City of Ethics”. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**4. Annual Clean-up Campaign-** Randy Lane told the group it is time to start the annual clean-up campaign. He said the Council needs to give some guidance on this item. Mayor Harper said the City usually starts this the same week as GMA’s Georgia City’s Week. Tommy Davis told Randy in the past several years the pick-up route is the same route as the yard trash route and we only pick up one time.

**5. International Property Maintenance Code-** Mayor Harper told the group this will constitute the second reading of the Georgia State Minimum Standard Property Maintenance Code (International Property Maintenance Code with Georgia State Amendments). He said we are adopting the State Code and incorporating it on a local level. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code. Alderman Perryman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**6. Ordinance Amending Cross-Connection of Public Water Supplies Code-** Mayor Harper told the group this will constitute the second reading of the new Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 12-77, Cross-Connection and Contamination of Public Water Supplies Code of the City of Nashville. Alderman Stalnaker made a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**7. Beer application for Bobby Akridge-** Mayor Harper told the group a beer application was completed by Bobby Akridge the owner of the Get-n-Go. All fees were paid and the background history was pulled with no records found. Alderman Retterbush made a motion to approve the beer application. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**8. Downtown Development Authority Board Members-** Dawn Morrison discussed the possibilities of appointing new Board members in order to conduct business at the Downtown Development meeting. In order to be nominated on the committee the individual must go through the training with DDA which cost around three hundred dollars, and is a downtown property owner. She said the DDA would like to re-nominate Vivian Shirah who is a downtown property owner, and was a previous board member, as a board member with the Council’s approval. Alderman Perryman made a motion to appoint Vivian Shirah as a

Downtown Development Authority Board Member. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Dawn added the committee would also like to nominate Randy Lane who has been through all the training, in order to have the City's feedback. He will not be allowed to vote but his attendance will give the DDA the City's benefit and help keep the City up to date with DDA.

## **REPORTS**

**8. City Manager's/ Finance Director's Report-None**

**9. City Attorney's Report-** Mitchell Moore reread the seconded reading of the International Maintenance Code and The Ordinance Amending Cross-Connection and Contamination of Public Water Supplies Code. He updated the group on the Gas line project. He said the City of Tifton is 100% behind the project per their City Attorney, but they still have a lot of things to be worked out. They still need a Memorandum of Understanding. Randy Lane asked what sort of time frame we are looking at. Mayor Harper the first business should be ready to hook up the middle of May. After some more discussion Mitchell said he would contact Tifton's attorney. He also updated the group on the excavation of the underground storage tanks. TTL worked up a figure on the disposal of the contaminated soil and water. The amount given for both was \$21,000.00. He said the Council wanted to look at disposal of these tanks as oppose to monitoring. Monitoring these wells cost the City \$6000.00 for each monitoring event. TTL will get with EPD and find out about the monitoring after the excavation if Council so chooses to go that route. Mitchell suggested we ask TTL to find out how much more monitoring we will have to do once the wells are excavated. Mayor Harper asked Mitchell to give an update at the next meeting and Council will make a decision at that time. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to proceed if we receive a commitment from EPD on one year of monitoring after excavation. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**10. Department heads Report-** John Reynolds told the group we have an issue about placing a grease trap for a restaurant in an ally way. Mrs. Morris the owner of Mimi's Café, has been asked to place a new grease trap in her place of business according to the City's new Grease Trap Ordinance. The group had some discussion on whether or not the alley belongs to the City or the land owners. Mitchell said the property belongs to the City and the Council needs to decide if a grease trap can be placed in the alley way. Alderman Stalnaker made a motion that we allow the installation short of any legal obligation which states the City cannot allow it. Alderman Richbourg seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Mr. Lamar Jowers is pursuing a new job in concession sells and wanted to ask the Councils permission to place his vending trailer in the alley way across from the above mentioned alley way next to Mrs. Morris's business. Randy Lane told the group the T-Grant will cover the road he is inquiring about but it only covers half of the road way and will not cover the area he wants to park his trailer. Mayor Harper said the Council should be able to allow that unless any issues arise which we can address those issues. Ms. Simmons asked the Council what she could do to

protect her property at the West View Cemetery. She said cars will drive off the driveway and tear down the markers placed on her grave site and she wants someone to tell her what she can do to protect the markers for the grave site. Randy Lane said he and Henry Yawn discussed asking the Council to change the covenant and add something so that it is uniform for all the cemeteries, so the sites are protected. Alderman Perryman agreed with Randy and Henry. After some more discussion Randy Lane and Henry Yawn said they will go to the cemetery Ms. Simmons is referring to and see what can be done.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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Alderman Michael Richbourg

**ATTEST**

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Tina Haughton, City Clerk