

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

STAFF PRESENT: Tina Haughton, Randy Lane, Mandy Luke, Chief Clayton, Tommy Davis, Peter Schultz, and City Attorney Mitchell Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Randall Melton, Frank Watts, Chad Woody, 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 Stalnaker and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA- Mayor Harper requested the group add an item to the formal Agenda, as item number two, approval of the engineer cost for the North Berrien Gas project. Mayor Harper also said the City Attorney Mitchell Moore request 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. Beer and Wine Application- The City received a beer and wine application from William Staples from the VFW Post 5978. The Post leaders have changed and the new leader must apply for the license. All fees have been paid and a history was pulled with no records found. Alderman Stalnaker made a motion to approve the beer and wine license. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gaither and the motion carried unanimously.

2. North Berrien Gas Project- Mayor Harper told the group the gas project is still continuing as planned. Watkins and Associates are the engineers for the project and they handle everything such as the construction plan preparation, the bidding, and contract administration. The Council need to approve the City's cost for these engineering fees. The total overall cost to the City is \$26,250.00 and part of that fee is due now. The Council also needs to approve the first bill from Watkins and Associates, in the amount of \$13,781.00. Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to approve the City's cost for the North Berrien Gas Project. Alderman Perryman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

3. City Manager's/ Finance Director's Report- Mandy Luke told the group she is presently working on the list for the City's auto, property, and liability insurance. She added Houston and Company is presently working on the City's health insurance due to the 10% increase. They are going to meet with me the first part of April to see if any changes are needed before the increase take effect. Mandy also updated the Council on the expenditure and revenues report. She also informed them the City Auditors are finishing up last year's audit and we should hear something from them within the next month. Mitchell Moore asked Mandy if she had heard anything from GEFA, in reference to the deduction amount. Mandy said GEFA just started deductions for the closing cost.

4. City Attorney's Report- Mitchell Moore updated the group on the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Tifton. He said we should receive the draft of the Memorandum of Understanding and he will make some suggestions and additions. He said Greg Sowell Tifton's City Attorney is supposed to get in touch with him tomorrow to discuss these suggestions and additions.

5. Department heads Report- Tommy Davis told the group he was asked to investigate a street light on East 6th Avenue for Mrs. Lamar Whidden. He said there is not a street light on that street but there is a pole. Alderman Stalnaker reminded the group that due to the economy a freeze was put on installing any new street lights several months ago. Mayor Harper asked for a motion to remove the freeze, hearing none the motion did not carry. Randy Lane updated the group on the cost for the soil excavation. He said the total cost will be \$31,133.30. A grant is being completed and should be sent off tomorrow for \$28,019.70 which would leave 10% or \$3,113.30 for the City to pay.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Frank Watts asked the City to clean up the grass growing up in the sidewalk on Marion Street. Mayor Harper informed the group about the Fishing Rodeo which will take place on May 6th for the senior's, and May 7th for children. Mayor Harper also told Council Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports for the period of January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 are due by July 8th. If anyone has not received a pin number to file on line, from the State Ethics Committee, then Kelly Shields emailed me a number to call to get that information. Alderman Gaither asked Tommy to look into fixing the cut in the road on Dogwood in front of Mr. Adams residence. Alderman Perryman asked the group to clarify the grass cutting contract. He was unsure about whether the City is going to do part or the entire grass cutting. Alderman Stalnaker said he did not think anything was decided, just that we were going to look into the cost difference. Mayor Harper said his thoughts were that the City would take care of all the parks and the cemetery would be contracted out during the summer months. Alderman Stalnaker said the total cost for the City would be greater than contracting the mowing out. Mayor Harper asked that we pull some figures and find out the total cost for the City verses contracting the mowing out. Mayor Harper also suggested the Council try to plan for a work session or some kind of retreat in the near future. He said since the Council will not be up for election for the next three years, they need to come up with a five year plan on things they would like to see completed in the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Richbourg made a motion to go into executive session at 6:25 p.m. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Alderman Stalnaker made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Richbourg seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED

Alderman Richbourg made a motion to allow Mitchell Moore to approach the land owners at Reedy Creek, Jeff Dorsey and Dee Dorsey Shiver and try to work out an agreement. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried five to one with Alderman Perryman abstaining.

ADJOURNMENT

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