

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
MAY 9, 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, Scott Stalnaker and Michael Richbourg.

STAFF PRESENT: Tina Haughton, Randy Lane, Mandy Luke, Brenda Swain, Tommy Davis, Peter Schultz, John Reynolds, Henry Yawn, Chief Clayton and City Attorney Mitchell Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Allen Davis, Bob Gaskins, Lynn Morris, Bobby Roberts and others.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Alderman Gaither 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 asked the group to add as item two the bid opening of the property and liability insurance. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to accept the formal agenda with the change. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution and Quotes for the New Gas line- Mandy Luke told the group that Matt Williams the Financial Service Program Manager from GMA emailed a copy of the GMA Direct Lease Program Options on the \$325,000.00 requested for the new gas line. He also emailed a copy of the certificate for the resolution. The Council needs to decide how many years we want to finance the amount requested. GMA Direct Lease Program options range from 5 years to 10 years (see attached report). Ms. Luke stated the 5 year would be great because of the low interest rate but it would be hard to get it paid in that time frame. Mayor Harper asked about the 8 year if the yearly amount of \$46,249.48 would be covered according to our estimates. There was some discussion concerning the amount and the possibility of hiring an additional employee in the future that would have to be added to that. Mayor Harper stated going longer increases the interest rate and with the 8 year at 3.29% interest paying off the loan early would save some interest. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to go with the 8 year finance on the Direct Lease Program through GMA. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously (see attached report).

2. Insurance Bids/Property & Liability – Mandy Luke stated we have our property and liability insurance bids that were advertised in the paper that were due on Friday by 12:00 p.m. There was several interested but only three companies submitted bids. Two of the companies are from here and one is from Savannah. Ms. Luke told the group only one was emailed after the 12:00 deadline and that there was a representative from each company present. Mayor Harper stated that the bid from Steven Hale and Associates from Savannah does not need to be accepted because it was received after the 12:00 deadline at 12:07. He stated that he does not think it is fair to the other companies that met the deadline. Ms. Luke stated that the policy the City has now is with the Gaskins Company located in Nashville. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to go with the low bid from Morris & Shaw. Mr. Bob Gaskins brought to the group's attention concerning the \$20,000.00 claim last year when the lift station was struck by lightning that was not covered. There was some discussion about the coverage with Morris & Shaw. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion to go with the low bid from Morris & Shaw that qualified for \$89,914.00 a year and motion was carried unanimously.

The Trident Insurance representative questioned if the property values were identical because he said last year when the accident with the lift station happened in September they looked at properties with City personnel that was not properly covered. He wanted the City to consider what took place concerning the claim and to make sure they have the same deductible and to take a look and compare.

Mayor Harper stated that the Gaskins Company bid came in at \$105, 463.00 and Morris & Shaw at \$89,914.00 a difference of about \$16,000.00 dollars (see attached report).

REPORTS

3. City Manager's/ Finance Director's Report- none

4. City Attorney's Report- Mitchell Moore updated the group on the excavation of the wells. He stated they are holding off on that project until school dismisses on the 27th. Mr. Moore stated he spoke with Jim Smith and he did not think it would be a problem and that Mr. Smith would let EPD know what our time frame is. He said we would probably have a meeting with a representative from TTL and the County to make sure everyone is together on the proposals that have been submitted to get rid of the contaminated water. Mr. Moore stated we should be finished by mid June.

Mr. Moore told the group he was approached by Mr. Tom Thomas, Jr. and received a letter from Mr. Tim Tanner concerning the expansion of the airport by the County. The County received a grant to expand the airport which is going to require acquisition of additional land and a small portion is located in the City. The County is planning to file condemnation proceedings to secure portions of land bordering the airport. The law states that before the County can proceed there are certain steps they have to take. They have to get appraisals, they have to approach the individual, make offers, etc. Mr. Moore said the County has done this and are still in the process of doing this. He stated the memorandum he received from Mr. Tanner states that the County is still in negotiations (see attached memorandum).

Mr. Moore stated that the County wanted to bring it to the Council's attention being it is under their jurisdiction. The County will need the Council to adopt a resolution not to participate in the condemnation but to allow the County to proceed at the next council meeting. The City is not the condemning party we are just giving our consent because it is under the City's jurisdiction. Mr. Moore stated the County will prepare a resolution for the Council's consideration to be adopted possibly at the next council meeting.

5. Department heads Report- none

PUBLIC COMMENTS/GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Bobbie Roberts told the group that she bought her parents house in 1984 and at that time everything around the pond was kept clean. When Ms. Alexander got sick, everything grew up and was not kept clean. She said the pond is a snake pit and there are mosquitoes and alligators and it needs to be cleaned up. Mayor Harper questioned if the City had determined who was responsible for maintaining this property and if it was a civil matter. There was further discussion concerning the matter. Mr. Moore told Mayor Harper that it was a civil matter and he did not know exactly what this fell under whether a nuisance or a danger but that it is between private individuals until the City decides otherwise. Mayor Harper brought up Cypresswood Apartments that the City stepped in considering it a nuisance with it grew up all around. There was more discussion between the group. Mayor Harper told the group that approaching Mr. Houston on a personal level instead of a City level as the first step and explaining the situation to him.

Alderman Stalnaker told the group he wanted to thank the Chief and all the city workers who participated in the kids fishing rodeo event and that he had received a lot of phone calls and that it was a great success.

Mayor Harper told the group he had some announcements. David Deloach is having a North Area Community Movie Meeting on May 17, 2011 at Deloach Farms at around 6:00 or 6:30. Mr. Larry scheduled a meeting on May 19, 2011 at Rivers Farm in Lanier County for Representative Jason Shaw. We need to get a head count for anyone interested in going.

Mayor Harper told the group he had received a compliment while at the fishing rodeo that he had not received in four and half years on the City cemeteries from a lady that said they looked better this last week than they had in the past five or six years. The lady said that the tops of the grave sites had been cleaned off.

Alderman Carter told the group that at 1016 East Beetree Avenue the limbs had not been picked up in a while. Mr. Tommy Davis told the group that they were picked up today.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36p.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