

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
NOVEMBER 08, 2010**

**INVOCATION:** Keith Stone

**PLEDGE:** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Retterbush

**WELCOME:** Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Retterbush

**ROLL CALL:** Members of the City Council present included Mayor Travis Harper, Aldermen Bill Turner, Michael Richbourg, Dick Perryman, Darrin Davis, Scott Stalnaker, and Billy Retterbush.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chief Clayton, Tina Haughton, Peter Schultz, Mandy Luke, John Reynolds, Dawn Morrison, and City Attorney Mitchell Moore.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Randall Milton, Mr. Miles, Allen Davis, Cheryl Bonham, Klim Nessmith, Dr. Ray Perren, Johnny Hall, John Hunkley, and Fern Turner.

**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 Pro-Tem Retterbush wanted to add John Hunkley to the formal agenda as item number four. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to approve the formal agenda with the change. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Resolution for the New TEA Project-** Mandy Luke told the group this is a Resolution for the second phase of the TEA Project for the downtown sidewalks, which will authorize The City of Nashville to enter into an agreement with DOT. Alderman Perryman made a motion to accept the Resolution for the second phase of the TEA Project. Alderman Davis seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**2. Ratify the purchases for the Gateway Grant-** Mandy Luke told the group she poled the Council last week in reference to the Gateway Grant the Chamber received to landscape the sign located at the City's limits near the Berrien Primary School. Only two of the Council replied. Berrien County Chamber has completed everything and is finishing up the final paperwork. Everything for the project was purchased through The Cottage Nursery located in town. The amount of the invoice is \$19,020.00. We will be reimbursed by DOT in the amount of \$20,704.00 as soon as the paperwork has been completed. Crissy would like to ask the City to pay the invoice for The Cottage so they will not have to wait for DOT to send the City the check for the Grant. Alderman Perryman made a motion to allow the City

to pay the invoice from The Cottage Nursery for the Gateway Grant. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**3. Berrien County Campus Renovation Project-** Dr. Ray Perren, President of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College informed the group about the new campus for Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. He told the group the College was formed by a merger of East Central Tech and Valdosta Tech. Dr. Perren said the College offers three different work force development programs, one of which is the Credit Program which offers everything from accounting to welding. Another work force development program provided by Wiregrass is the Allied Health program which offers nursing, radiology, pharmacy technology and many others. We also offer a Work Force Development program for Continuing Education and Contract training Programs, where we can provide training for any business in the community, from fork lift safety or training for new computer software. We also provide Adult Education programs such as GED instruction. Dr. Perren said currently the only classes provided in Nashville or Berrien County by Wiregrass is the Adult Education classes which are held at the old High School. We are planning to expand and rent two buildings at the old Berrien Primary School and move our Adult Education classes there along with some college core classes, once renovations have been completed. Dr. Perren said he would like for the people of Berrien County and the City of Nashville to participate in any way possible. By donations which will help speed up the renovations or by just simply signing up for classes. Alderman Davis asked Dr. Perren the projected date for the opening of the school. Dr. Perren said once they receive approval from the State on the renovations in January, classes can start as soon as late March.

**4. Coastal Engineering Update-** John Hunkele updated the group on the Wastewater Treatment plant. He told the group about the GEFA approval, and said Nashville will receive 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of 18 million dollars which GEFA was allotted. The things left to do are the EPD application which was submitted. The water shed assessment does not need to be done until the water treatment plant goes on line. We are still working on the Georgia Power utility encroachment. In the next month and a half we will get started on the contractor prequalification procedures. Construction plans will be completed and submitted by the first of the year. Taking bids by late February and begin construction by the end of March 2011. Mitchell Moore stated Georgia Power did their own survey but holdups are not likely. John also said he plans to bring in plan sheets of the different components of the treatment plant during the next few Council meetings. Alderman Retterbush commented the project also received some stimulus money in the amount of \$750,000.00.

## **REPORTS**

**5. City Manager's /Finance Director's Report-** Mandy Luke told the group the City's Auditors are here. She reminded everyone about the Public Workshop which is scheduled for Monday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. She told the group if anyone wants to add anything to the agenda, please let her know before Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> so the notice can be posted. Mandy also invited the Council to the Employee Thanksgiving dinner scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Community Center.

**6. City Attorney's Report-** Mitchell Moore gave the group his list for the Workshop, which consist of, wells, grease traps, construction easement, and baggy pants. Mitchell reported on the two questions asked by Council in reference to the Alcohol Ordinance. The first question was about prorating the cost for a license, and the second question asked was extending the hours of operation. He said we changed the hours of operation in 2007 which allowed each business to stay open an additional 30 minutes in order for the staff to clean up. The 2007 Ordinance also has a specific prohibition on prorating license. Under the new Consumption Ordinance which we adopted December of 2009 section 3-74 C prorations are not permitted so if the Council so chooses to prorate the Ordinance will need to be revised. The hours of operation regulations states in 3-121 Hours during which sales prohibited are from 11:59 p.m., prevailing time, on Saturday until 8:00a.m. prevailing time on Monday; and from 1:32 a.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until 8:00 a.m., prevailing time, in same day. Under section 3-122 neither any holder of any alcoholic beverage license nor any employee of any business in which such license is utilized shall allow or permit any alcoholic beverage to be handled in any manner upon the premises of the business in which such license is utilized or any alcoholic beverage to be located upon any table, counter, or such customer service area upon such premises, either in the form of the original container therefore or otherwise, from on (1) hour after the last time permitted to sell an alcoholic beverage. Mitchell said under the New Consumption Ordinance the businesses can stay open until 12:59 but no sales after 11:59. Council discussed allowing Mitchell to revamp the Ordinance to allow for prorating. Mr. Klim Nessmith told the group no prorating is needed due to the time of the year. He stated the VFW is satisfied with the Ordinance as it stands. Mayor Harper apologized to the group for being late. He ran into problems with traffic.

**7. Department Heads' Report-** Chief Clayton asked the group if the Police department could put up some no parking signs on Industrial Drive. He said the problem is some of these big trucks are parking their trucks or dropping their trailers and leaving them for the week or weekend. The Council approved his request. Mitchell Moore told the group he spoke with Tommy Davis about the drainage ditches around town and the debris is still being put inside them. This is turning into a problem and we would like for the Council to consider running something in the paper warning people that the City will start enforcing the Ordinance on debris into drainage areas. Alderman Turner said the Council did this a few months ago and we asked people to keep their debris on the curb and not on the street. Alderman Stalnaker suggested Henry Yawn could go by and warn whoever is not in compliance. Mayor Harper added if we could get Mr. Henry to give them a courtesy call and maybe a copy of the Ordinance would be the nicer thing to do.

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

Fern Turner asked told the group there is an old abandon house on Taylor Street which no one lives in and for the past several weeks someone has been hanging about eight pair of old grungy blue jeans on the fence. The fence is located in front of my son's home and it is an eye sore. Can anything be done about these grungy old blue jeans which are hung on the fence? Mayor Harper said we can see if the property owner can handle this problem. Johnny Hall said he would like something

to be done about the speeding on Washington Avenue. He said the police cars and other individuals fly down this road and he is scared someone could get hurt. He added the speed limit is 20mph on Washington Avenue. Chief Clayton said he recalls a distress call which came from a GBI unit on Friday after noon and all of our police cars were dispatched. He added the cars should have been flashing their lights. Mayor Harper reminded everyone about the event at Deloach Farms on Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. He added they are going to have some of the pilots from Moody Air Force base come in during the event. Klim Nessmith invited everyone to the VFW for their ceremony on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Richbourg seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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Alderman Billy Retterbush

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Alderman Scott Stalnaker

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Alderman Michael Richbourg

### **ATTEST**

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Tina Haughton, City Clerk