

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
OCTOBER 12, 2010**

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 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, and City Attorney Mitchell Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Randall Milton, Melissa Watson, Joe Black, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Thomas, Brenda Thomas, 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 Retterbush and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA- 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. 2010 City of Nashville Millage Rate- Mandy Luke told the group the tax bills for 2010 are to be billed out October 20th and the Council needs to adopt the Resolution establishing, imposing, and levying an AD Valorem Tax for the calendar year 2010 on the assessed value of all tangible property subject to taxation located within the corporate limits of the City of Nashville. Alderman Stalnaker

made a motion to adopt the Resolution for 2010 taxes. Alderman Turner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Gateway Grant Program Resolution- Mitchell Moore said this is the second Gateway Resolution which is identical to the one adopted previously. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Nashville authorizing the Nashville-Berrien Chamber of Commerce, Inc. to apply for and accept a Gateway Grant. Upon award of the grant, the City of Nashville shall enter into a mowing and maintenance agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation. Alderman Perryman made a motion to adopt the Gateway Grant Resolution. The motion was seconded by Alderman Retterbush, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Demolition Permit Fees- Mayor Harper asked the Council to strike the Demolition permit fee from the City's Code. He said the fee is unnecessary and ask that the City have the \$25.00 permit charge abolished. Mandy asked Mitchell if the Code has a dollar amount on will we need to adopt a new or change that Ordinance. Mitchell replied the Council can make a motion to amend the City Code and we can modify the Ordinance later. Mayor Harper added he would like to look into updating the City Code book and get rid of some of the unnecessary charges. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to amend the City Code and abolish the Demolition Permit fees. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Repairs or Purchase a Tractor with sidearm mower- Mandy told the group the street department has a 1985/6610 Ford Tractor with the side arm mower that is in need of either repairs or replacement. The tractor will need an engine, water pump, injector pump, radiator, and injectors in order to repair it plus the cost of time and labor. The three estimates on repairing the tractor are: Nashville Tractor \$11,105.13, Franklin Automotive \$7,831.96 and Rowan's Repair Service \$9,052.72. SPLOST cannot be used on the repairs but can be used to purchase a tractor. Mandy added she asked John Reynolds to help with some quotes on a new tractor today due to Tommy Davis falling ill. John Reynolds said he checked on a price for a new tractor today at Nashville Tractor and a new one will cost \$30,000.00 without the side arm. John added the side arm the Street department has is in good working order and should not need replacing. He also said another option the Council may want to consider is the tractor the water department uses at the spray field, possibly using it to do both jobs. He said Nashville Tractor could put the side arm mower on it for about \$5,000.00. John added his only concern is whether or not the tractor will fit in the places the Street department needs to mow.

Alderman Perryman made a motion to retrofit the tractor at the spray field contingent upon Tommy and the Street department making sure it will fit in all the places they need it. Alderman Turner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Beer Application for Linda Chapman (Down on the Corner) - Mayor Harper said Linda Chapman is requesting a license to sell beer, for the “Down on the Corner” Fees have been paid, criminal history found no records. All measurements were taken, and per Mitchell Moore the application should be accepted based on the original licensee were “grandfathered in”. Alderman Perryman made a motion to grant the beer license to Linda Chapman for (Down on the Corner). Alderman Richbourg seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Water Issues at Watson Pools and Owners Residence- Melissa Watson told the group she had complained many times about having brown water at her business and brown water at her residence, 407 Janice Avenue. She presented pictures of the water to the Council and asked them what she could do about her problem. She said every time she complains John from the water department comes out and flushes the line which helps for a few weeks. Ms. Watson gave the names of other businesses she spoke to who also had complaints about brown water. She said they all agree that since they are paying for their water then the water should be clean. Mayor Harper told Ms. Watson some of the complaints they handled were due to their hot water heater needed flushing. Ms. Watson said she could not understand why the City could not apply for a grant to replace all the waterlines in the City. John explained anytime a main water line breaks or if we change out a fire hydrant the water lines are flushed but some of the back flow will go back into the water lines. Mayor Harper told Ms. Watson the City has applied for several grants to replace the water lines in the City but have been turned down on each application; however the City will continue to apply for these grants in the future. Most of all the problems with the brown water in the area Ms. Watson has been referring to are due to the road work or waterlines being replaced or repaired. Council assured Ms. Watson the waterlines are constantly being replaced and repairs are never-ending. They also told Ms. Watson anytime she has a problem with brown water in the future she should call the water department and John will be glad to fix the problem.

REPORTS

7. **City Manager's /Finance Director's Report-** NONE

8. **City Attorney's Report-** Mitchell Moore asked Mayor Harper when the work session will be planed. Mayor Harper said probably during the month of November but unsure at this time the exact date and time. Mitchell updated the group about the Georgia Power right of way, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He said John Hunkley and Mr. Hancock for the DOT are working on and should be on time with the encroachment agreement.

9. **Department Heads' Report-** John Reynolds asked if the Council could add Wells and Grease traps to the Work Session when the meeting is set. Mayor Harper said we will most likely set that meeting at the first Council meeting in November.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Brenda Thomas asked Mandy Luke why the City charges a \$25.00 reconnect fee. She added if someone has an extension and it is not paid before 4:30 on the 3rd and they pay it the following morning why does that person still need to pay the reconnect fee of \$25.00. Mandy said each person that comes in and gets an extension is given a copy of the paperwork, which consists of, when the payment is due, and if the payment is not paid by that extension date the cost of \$25.00 will be added in order to reconnect services. If that payment is not in our office by 4:30 on the date it is due a cutoff list is printed out so the department can begin cutoffs the following morning. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Thomas wanted to thank Alderman Turner, John Reynolds and the water department for replacing the fire hydrant on East Marion. Samuel Thomas wanted to see if the street department could leave the Mosquito sprayer on when driving down their street on East Marion. Mayor Harper wanted to remind the Council about the Round Table dinner which will be held at the Community Center on October 18th at 6:30 p.m. Also, reminded them about the Southern Georgia Regional Commission Council dinner set for October 14th in Adel at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Travis Harper

Alderman Bill Turner

Alderman Dick Perryman

Alderman Darrin Davis

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Michael Richbourg

ATTEST

Tina Haughton, City Clerk