

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
JULY 11, 2011**

INVOCATION: Henry Yawn

PLEDGE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Stalnaker

WELCOME: Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Stalnaker

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Stalnaker, Mayor Travis Harper, (late arrival), Aldermen Eric Gaither, Dick Perryman, Billy Retterbush, Scott Stalnaker, and Michael Richbourg.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Lavonia W. Stephens, Allen Davis, Randall Melton, Margie Tygart, Frank Watts, Brenda Thomas, and Mr. Miles.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adopt the minutes from the previous Council meeting. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA- Mayor Pro-tem Stalnaker asked the Council to add three items to the formal agenda. Add as item three, Beer license application for Mr. G's convenience store. Add as item four, a Resolution for the Gas Project; and as item five, Farmers Market Grant engineer bids. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adopt the formal agenda with the changes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Carter and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution for Hogan Project- Randy Lane told the group in accordance with the Department of Community Affairs guidelines to qualify for the grant a

Resolution declaring the Hogan property Slum and Blight needs to be adopted. Alderman Perryman made the motion to adopt the Resolution. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request from East Central Region CLCP- Lavonia W Stepherson, from Wiregrass Technical College, spoke to the Council about endorsing efforts to make Berrien County a certified literate community. As a local government, we certainly realize that there is a great need for making literacy a community-wide commitment. Our leadership understands that the fight against literacy must be collaborative efforts and must involve all aspects of our community. Ms. Stepherson ask that the City of Nashville do their part in making Berrien County a more literate community by giving moral support and promoting literacy thought the community. Also, welcome giving any ongoing updates at our meetings. Literacy in our country is linked to many social ills, such as welfare dependency, high school dropout rates, and a low functioning workforce. Hopefully, we can remedy all of these maladies by working together as a strong supportive certified literate community. Ms. Stepherson requested an endorsement letter of these efforts from the Mayor. The Council agreed on the endorsement.

3. Beer Application for Nishant Patel- Mayor Pro-Tem Stalnaker told the group Mr. Patel is applying for a beer license for NIA Patel Inc. / Mr. G's Market. All fees have been paid and a criminal history was pulled with no record found. He added the store is changing ownership. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to grant the beer license. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Gas Project Resolutions- Mayor Harper apologized to the group for being tardy to the meeting. He explained the City of Tifton held a meeting today at 5:00p.m.; and their Council past three Resolutions on the new Gas Project. We need to act on the Resolution giving Mandy Luke the authority to act on the City's behalf. The document needed for this motion is not present but Mitchell Moore who is not present will have this Resolution. Alderman Perryman suggested the Council make a motion giving Mandy the authority to act on the City's behalf. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to allow Mandy Luke the authority to act on the City of Nashville's behalf for the Gas Project. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Farmers Market Grant, Engineer Bids- Randy Lane told the group Better Home Town was awarded a grant for \$99,500.00 from USDA for the Farmers Market. Council needs to approve advertizing for bids for an Engineer. Alderman

Richbourg made a motion to allow advertizing for bids for an Engineer for the Farmers Market Grant. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

6. City Manager's/ Finance Director's Report-Mandy Luke told the group she handed out a list of revenues and expenditures to each of the group. She said this is an update as of July 7th 2011, and will allow Council to see where the City's budget totals are today. Mandy also reminded the group the Adoption of the Budget for FY 2012 will be placed on the July 25th agenda for Councils approval.

7. City Attorney's Report- Mitchell Moore apologized for his tardiness and told the group action needs to be taken on the Resolutions for the gas project. The Resolutions will authorize the City Manager to execute both intergovernmental agreements and any amendments or modifications concerning the City of Nashville's Natural Gas Pipeline Extension. Alderman Richbourg made the motion authorizing Mandy Luke to execute both intergovernmental agreements and any amendments or modifications concerning the City of Nashville's Natural Gas Pipeline Extension. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gaither and the motion carried unanimously. Mitchell also asked the group if they wanted to allow the Mayor to act on their behalf on these documents if so they need to make a motion. Alderman Richbourg made the motion authorizing Mayor Harper to sign on these Resolutions for the Gas Project on the Council's behalf. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mitchell commended the Mayor on a job well done. He said the Mayor has really gone above and beyond his duty for this project. Mayor Harper also commended Mitchell for all his hard work and time on the project.

8. Department heads Report- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS/GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Frank Watts told the group the sidewalks on McPherson and East Marion need cutting.

Margie Tygart asked the Council to look into having some fresh straw placed at the cemetery.

Keith Stone commended the Mayor for a job well done with the RDC.

Mayor Harper informed the group that the City of Tifton passed three Resolutions today concerning the Gas project. After the meeting they asked that the City of

Nashville pass the Resolutions and have the City Manager sign the contract agreement. He said he informed them the first payment would be paid once the City Manager signs the agreement.

Alderman Gaither wanted to remind the group about School crossing guards. He said Schools will soon be back in session and crossing guards are needed.

Alderman Retterbush asked Mitchell Moore if he had heard anything from TTL. Mitchell said TTL told us after the excavation was completed the test results would take 30 to 60 days. TTL did however tell Randy Lane six months more of monitoring will need to be done.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stalnaker wanted the Council to take note of the number of people in the crowd. He was happy to see more attendance from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35p.m. Alderman Gaither 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 Ward, City Clerk