

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
NOVEMBER 28, 2011**

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Stalnaker

**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, Aldermen Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter, Dick Perryman, and Michael Richbourg.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Randall Milton, Frank Watts, Margie Tygart, and Pearlene Daniels.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Mitchell Moore requested that the minutes reflect that the vote on item number five was unanimously carried and Alderman Stalnaker did not need to abstain from the vote. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with the change. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPTIONS OF FORMAL AGENDA-** Mitchell Moore requested a brief Executive Session. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the change. The motion was seconded by Alderman Carter, and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Wastewater Treatment Easement (Reedy Creek) - Mitchell Moore** informed the group that we have an easement in place and a Resolution with all the

issues surrounding that area. Today we meet with some representatives from DNR who works through USDA, to assess the situation of the Reedy Creek drainage. They will email me tomorrow, their evaluation and the costs involved on the steps to eliminate or control the beaver problem on Reedy Creek. He told the group we will be dealing with a Governmental entity on this problem and if the Council chooses to solicit and bid this project out to private individuals, DNR will not bid against them because it is a Governmental entity. Mitchell recommended the Council allow him to hear the proposal from DNR before deciding on bidding it out. He also conveyed to the group some concerns on allowing private individuals to bid on this removal. The group decided to wait and hear DNR's proposal, and Mandy has polled the Council, allow them to move forward if the cost is under \$5,000.00.

## **REPORTS**

**2. City Manager's/Finance Director's Report-** Mandy told the Council the City has a business which sells liquor by the drink and this business has fallen behind on paying the "by the drink sales tax". This business has been notified by phone and letters and we have received no reply. The liquor by the drink Ordinance states a citation must be issued to appear before Council for a hearing. The citation must be issued no less than five days and no more than thirty day before the hearing. The business is nine months behind and as the City Manager Mandy recommended the Council issue a citation tomorrow and a hearing date be scheduled in five days. Mitchell Moore added the City Manager has the authority to recommend that a citation be issued under this Ordinance, and the Council needs to make a motion approving the recommendation. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to approve and proceed with the City Managers recommendation. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mandy also wanted to discuss with Council about the downtown center. She said Randy Lane, Henry Yawn and she meet with an architect today to put together some sort of plans for the City Hall's expansion to the downtown center. We discussed incorporating both buildings into a City Hall annex, and how many offices would be needed. The architect will have some plans for us by next week. Mandy told the Council, if we do this SPLOST dollars can be used for the renovations of this historic building. The Council needs to decide if we can move forward with the City Hall expansion. Dawn Morrison added the architect is very familiar with this building and we will need his stamp of approval on the plans before we can proceed. The group discussed allowing the architect to draw the plans for the building and buy the plans, then allow the City to oversee the

remodeling. Dawn also told the group the architect needs the Council to designate the downtown center as the future City Hall. Alderman Richbourg made the motion that in good faith, the Council is looking into designating the downtown center as the future City Hall. Alderman Perryman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**3. City Attorney's Report-** Mitchell Moore updated the group on the Urban Redevelopment Plan. He said we actually have two plans, the Commercial and the Residential Redevelopment Plan's. Mitchell is working with Crissy Staley from the Chamber and she is working with the Regional Commission to collect data for these plans. Mitchell told the group he will report back to Council when it is time to move forward. Mitchell also told the group he is working on the ADA Transition Plan.

**4. Department Head's Report-** Randy Lane told the group on November 17<sup>th</sup>, I and Jeff Bristol met with James Compton from Environmental Products of Georgia, who is the local Elgin representative. Mr. Compton did a complete assessment of our 2001 Elgin Street Sweeper and gave a quote to refurbish. Randy told the Council the quoted bill to refurbish the street sweeper is \$6,277.32. He stated the street sweeper is in good condition it just needs to be maintained once it has been refurbished. Alderman Richbourg asked Randy if any other company's can do this type of work. Randy said the other two companies are located in Atlanta and in Florida. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to approve the quoted amount for the street sweeper. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pro-Tem Stalnaker requested, once the sweeper has been repaired, that the street department run the sweeper later in the evening.

Randy also updated the group on the roof at the Downtown Center. He stated the Council requested we rebid this due to the different types of roofing bided on before. This bid will be for a metal roof. He will contact the vendors and get three bids. He also reminded Council that Wiregrass wants to move in February 2012. Mayor Pro-Tem told Randy the motion made earlier under item two should cover this, provided Mandy finds the funds available.

Dawn Morrison wanted to inform the Council about the "Live Nativity" scene which will be done on December 9<sup>th</sup>. She said this will be held on Government property so she wanted Council's approval. All agreed.

Dawn told the group Pearlene Daniels wrote a letter to the Mayor a few weeks ago, requesting the playground equipment at Beetree Park be replaced or repaired.

Dawn said they have been trying to find some grant funds to help with the cost of some of the equipment. She also stated she would like to have the park cleaned up

by some prison labor with the Council's approval. Alderman Perryman asked Mandy if SPLOST can be used for the purchase of new equipment for the park. Mandy said yes the parks and recreation fund has SPLOST funds which can be used to purchase new equipment. The Council asked Dawn to move forward with the clean up and removal of dangerous equipment and to get some prices on new slides and basket ball nets for the park, which she can present them at the next Council meeting.

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

Pearlene Daniels thanked Randy Lane for his quick response to her letter about Beetree Park.

Randall Milton informed the group that some of his neighbors are dumping leaves and grass clippings into the drainage ditches. He wanted Council to enforce the Ordinance that was passed about dumping the yard trash into the ditches. Mayor Pro-Tem Stalnaker thanked Mr. Milton for bringing this to the Councils attention. He said they will have someone look into this matter.

Mitchell Moore wanted to add something about item one listed on the formal agenda. He said just to clarify this item, a Resolution was completed and signed, and the easement was recorded. He also stated no Executive Session will be needed so it can be stricken from the agenda.

Alderman Perryman asked the group to try and look into developing an Ordinance in regards to convicted sex offenders. We should look at other City's that have already adopted an Ordinance and take some of the same steps toward preventing these offenders from any type of engagement with children. For example, no sex offender can give out candy at Halloween, all sex offenders must post a sign "no candy here", all home lights must be out at a certain time, and no offenders can decorate their houses for any occasion which might entice children. Mitchell stated all these offenders have these restrictions at the time of probation, but we can take a step up under the Ordinance and state exactly what they can and can't do.

Alderman Perryman suggested this item be discussed further in a work session. Mitchell said he will look into the matter and go to GMA's website to investigate what other City's have adopted. Randy asked Mandy to also post questions on the City Managers email chain.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49pm. Alderman Perryman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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Alderman Antonio Carter

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Alderman Billy Retterbush

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Alderman Michael Richbourg

**ATTEST**

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Tina Ward, City Clerk