

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
AUGUST 09, 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, Darrin Davis, Scott Stalnaker, and Billy Retterbush.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chief Clayton, Tina Haughton, Mandy Luke, John Reynolds, Henry Yawn, Tommy Davis, and City Attorney Mitchell Moore.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Allen Davis, John Black, Randall Milton, Frank Watts, Margie Tygart, Cheryl Bonham, Virgil Hickox, Patsy Hickox, Todd Jenkins, Rebecca Jenkins, Rita Wilson, 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 Turner and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA-** Alderman Richbourg added as item number two, funding for Better Hometown to the formal agenda. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to approve the formal agenda with the change. Alderman Perryman seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Barbeque request, behind the “Landmark”-** Virgil Hickox told the group he would like to park a smoker in one of the parking spaces behind his business, The Landmark, twice a week and sell the barbeque inside the Landmark. He told the group the days the smoker will be used, will be at night and taken away before the lunch hour the following day. He added the Berrien County Health inspector told him food can be cooked on the premises sold inside the store but food could not be prepared from across town and carried into the store to be sold. Mitchell Moore confirmed by stating he spoke with Bob Mason and Bob said he could not approve transporting food but could approve food prepared onsite. He added the distinction in this case is this is an on-going business rather than some of the previous requests presented to Council in the past. The group had some concerns and decided to postpone a motion on the issue after scheduling a work session for August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30.

**2. Funding for Better Hometown-** Alderman Richbourg asked the group for funding for the Better Hometown in the amount of \$6,000.00 more per year. This additional amount will be used for advertisement and various projects promoting down town. Mandy Luke informed the group the Hotel Motel Tax fund was set up

to be used for economical development and Better Hometown could utilize these funds, provided Better Hometown provides receipts proving what the money is used toward. She said the monthly deposits will average around four to five thousand per year. Alderman Richbourg made a motion utilizing the Hotel Motel tax fund for Better Hometown, which is to be used toward economical development and not salary. He added Better Hometown will provide the necessary invoices before using the moneys, and the City will make up the difference between the 6,000.00 requested and the Hotel Motel tax fund has provided, if funds can be found. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

**3. City Manager's /Finance Director's Report-** Mandy told the group she is still trying to finalize the 2010 budget and once she completes this task she will hand Council a copy.

**4. City Attorney's Report-** Mitchell Moore complemented Better Hometown and the Chamber for all they do for Berrien County and the City. He said a request was made in reference to the selling of alcoholic beverages "by the drink" during one of the many functions held downtown. The request was to allow one of the business owners who currently holds an alcohol licenses sell the drinks. Mitchell said he would reinvestigate this but, according to our Liquor by the drink Ordinance this request cannot be granted. The Council agreed with Mitchell and told him no further investigating would be necessary. Mitchell also reported to Council that the Chamber and Better Hometown are currently working with me on drafting different areas which can be considered run down, for the City's Opportunity Zone Resolution, which was adopted last year. This is geared or targeted toward run down areas that could qualify for grant money. Mitchell also report the parking lot project should be completed by the end of September 2010. He also reported the closing for the new police cars will be held on Wednesday.

**5. Department Heads' Report-** None

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

Frank Watts ask the Council if the street department could trim back some limbs on a couple of trees, one on Cypress Street, and the other one on Norman Street. The limbs cause the children who are walking to the bus stop, to walk in the street on East McPherson, instead of the side walk. Mayor Harper asked Tommy Davis and Henry Yawn to look into this matter. He also said he would get in touch with someone at the Board of Education and have them look into rerouting the buses through that area.

Ms. Rita Wilson requested a street light at 603 North John Street. Alderman Davis said he and Tommy Davis will look into this matter.

Alderman Richbourg asked Mandy Luke about the GEFA loan and if we contacted EPD and notified them we are securing funding through GEFA? Mandy said EPD has been notified about securing funding through GEFA. She said we are on track with the loan, she has a few more updated financials to send to GEFA and Coastal Engineering had a few things to send them as well.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm. Alderman Turner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Travis Harper

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Alderman Bill Turner

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Alderman Darrin Davis

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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