

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
AUGUST 25, 2008**

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 Aldermen J. P. Watts, Bill Turner, Billy Retterbush, Michael Richbourg, and Scott Stalnaker, Alderwoman Pat Sutton, and Mayor Travis Harper.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Randall Milton, Fern Turner, Nicole Robinson, Bobbie Roberts, Steven Roberts, John Black, Larry Baldree, and Brenda Thomas.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Alderman Richbourg made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Retterbush, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA- Alderman Richbourg made the motion to approve the formal agenda. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 1st Reading of the Animal Control Ordinance- City Attorney Mitchell Moore presented a copy of the revised Animal Control Ordinance with the changes requested by Council. Mitchell told the group the new Ordinance we are adopting will be numbered 424 through 442. These codes will strictly deal with domesticated animals such as dogs and cats. He said we will also be leaving code sections 421 through 442 in place. This will constitute as the first reading of the new Animal Control Ordinance.

2. End of Year Resolution for FY 2008 Budget- Mandy Luke handed the Council a copy of the Resolution to amend the budget for FY 2008 Budget as well as a copy of the Resolution for FY 2008 SPLOST fund. She said this will adjust our Budget, raise the General fund from 2.8 million to 3 million. She explained when the Auditors visit they will make any adjusting entries and pick up anything I may have left off. She told the group we are in the process of entering the remaining entries for the end of the fiscal year 2008, such as the accounts payable and the salary increases. Mandy told the group the SPLOST Resolution is basically increasing our SPLOST Budget \$35,182.00. She also asked the Council to keep in mind the General fund will be affected by the \$105,000.00 due to the City by DOT and the portion of the Fire truck which was not budgeted for in 2008. These figures will affect the figures in the end of the year reports. She also explained to the group the Water and Gas fund do not need an end of year Resolution for FY 2008 Budget. Mandy said she needs a motion for approval on these Resolutions so she can get the adjustments completed before the Auditors visit at the end of the year. Alderman Retterbush made the motion to approve the amendments to the Budget. The motion was seconded by Alderman Richbourg and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Appointment of Member to Deep South Solid Waste Board- Mayor Harper told the group each member of the Authority has a representative to serve on the Board. City Clerk, Johnny Hall, has served for the last five years as Nashville's representative. Due to health and personal issues he has decided to resign his position to be effective immediately. He said each of the Council has been given a letter of resignation, and a copy was also given to the City Manager, Mandy Luke and Marty LeFiles of South Ga. RDC. The Council needs to appoint another member to this board. Alderman Retterbush volunteered to serve on the board. Alderman Stalnaker made a motion to appoint Alderman Retterbush to the board. The motion was seconded by Alderman Richbourg and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Sewer Problems at 203 Greenridge Drive- Mayor Harper said Steven Roberts, who resides at 203 Greenridge Drive, has been experiencing some sewer problems at his residence. He addressed the Council regarding the expenses he has incurred because of the sewer issues. Mr. Roberts requested reimbursement from the City for some of these charges. He said, since June of 2008 when the City's Water Department did some work on the man hole located in the street in front of his house, his home has experienced drainage problems. He said despite the several attempts made by the Water department to fix the problem the drainage problem is

still there. Mr. Roberts told the group he hired a plumber on four different occasions because he was told the problem was beyond the meter and the City can not go beyond the meter. After some more investigating which was done by the plumbers and Mr. Roberts they concluded the problem did in fact belong to the City. He presented the Council with copies of the plumber's bills and a drawn map of the sewage line and the man hole. John Reynolds presented the Council with a copy of Georgia Rural Water Association statement from Charles McCann. In the statement Mr. McCann said he looked at the service line located at 203 Greenridge Drive internally on a couple of different occasions, and saw nothing in the City of Nashville's line that would cause a blockage. There was "sag" on the customer's side and some hair sized roots along with a lot of feminine products in the customer's service line. They did find that the service connection was protruding in the main, this however; would not have affected the operation of the service but could have affected the main upstream from the protruding connection. The City has repaired the protruding service connection as a precaution, and they also installed a cleanout at the customer's connection to the City sewer line. In the professional opinion of Mr. McCann this blockage was not contributed to nor caused by the City of Nashville. After much debate and discussion between Mr. Roberts, John Reynolds, the Water Department head, and the Council, they decided to give the issue two more weeks, which will at that time be on the agenda for September 8th Council Meeting. In order to give Mr. Roberts time to acquire a list of problems found by the plumber, and allow the Council time to investigate the problem further. Alderman Stalnaker asked to be excluded from voting on this issue due to the fact he is a relative on Mr. Roberts, but agreed with the Council's decision to wait the two weeks. The Council will make a decision at that time as to whether the responsibility is in fact the City's or Mr. Roberts. Mrs. Bobbie Roberts commented to Mayor Harper he should not have so much to say in Council meetings because he has no right to give an opinion without considering the Council's opinion she said "you are only a break the tie man".

REPORTS

5. City Manager/Finance Director's Report- Mandy Luke and Tommy Davis, the Street Department head, told the group about recycling the scrap metal from some of the old dumpsters. Mandy said the City made \$9,705.00 for the scrap metal.

6. City Attorney's Report- Mitchell Moore gave the group an update about the City Barn. He said TTL will submitting the corrective action or policy part B. They are waiting on the survey, which is being completed by Greg Carter and Greg

hopes to have the survey to them this week. He said once TTL send this in, we can then hear back from EPD on what else needs to be done.

7. Department Heads' Report- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS/GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Steven Roberts said he had a comment for the Mayor. He said the Mayor should watch how he interacts with people while conducting meetings. Mayor Harper agreed with Mr. Roberts comments.

Brenda Thomas told the Council the bathrooms out at the park are still not being kept up. She said until the bathrooms are locked the public will continue to abuse them, and anything the City does to take care of the bathrooms will not work unless they are locked. The Council agreed with Mrs. Smith and asked Mandy Luke the City Manager to look into the situation. Brenda Smith also told the group a broom and mop needs to be purchased for the Community Center, she said we rented it on Saturday and the building was left in a mess. When they tried to clean it up in order to have their function they found no broom or mop. She also added the stove really needs replacing as well. Ms. Smith added one of the bathrooms is out of order and needs to be checked. John Reynolds said he would look into it.

Alderman Turner asked Mandy Luke if she could print out a monthly budget report on each department for the upcoming year. Mandy said she would have them printed out for the Council's review.

Mayor Harper updated the group on the CDBG-2006 project bids. Statewide, our engineers, and John Reynolds are checking the references on the lowest bidder and will present it at our next Council meeting for the Council's approval.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56p.m. Alderwoman Sutton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Travis Harper

Alderman Bill Turner

Alderman Pat Sutton

Alderman J. P. Watts

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Michael Richbourg

ATTEST

Johnny Hall, City Clerk