

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
DECEMBER 14, 2009**

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 Michael Richbourg, Bill Turner, Billy Retterbush, Scott Stalnaker, and Darrin Davis.

STAFF PRESENT: Chief John Clayton, Tina Haughton, Tommy Davis, Peter Schultz, and City Manager Mandy Luke.

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hunkele

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 Perryman and the motion carried unanimously.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. First Read of the Consumption by the Drink Ordinance- Mayor Harper said Mitchell Moore constructed a draft of the Ordinance, for the Council's approval. Due to Mitchell's absence, Mandy handed copies to each Council member and the Mayor informed the group this will constitute a first read of the Ordinance. He instructed the group, changes the Council would like to make to the Ordinance can be made at the next Council Meeting.

2. Beer and Wine Applications for 2010- Mandy told the group that attached they will find a list of applications for beer and wine request. Each individual has paid all fees in full and a background check has been conducted on each one. Mayor Harper wanted the Council to note, any application marked "records found" have been reviewed by Council in past years. No new records have been found. After some discussion Alderman Perryman made a motion to approve license for those who have timely paid and applied. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Coastal Engineering's report on the Waste Water Treatment Plant- John Hunkele updated the group on the various funding options for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He said GEFA is ready to recommend a loan approval to their Board of Directors in January. In this meeting they determined if the rate

structure for the overall water prepared is sufficient to satisfy the debt under the GEFA Loan. GEFA would also like an acceptance and implementation of that rate structure schedule, from the Council in the form of a Resolution. Mandy added she has two schedules, the rate schedules, which only address the rate increase, and the other addresses the debt service fee. John Hunkele told the group, GEFA will need this Resolution before submitting the application for approval. He added, before any contracts are executed they require a Resolution whereby the City establish a separate bank account deposit in the amount of \$455,000.00, which is equal to one year of debt service. He added this will need to be fully funded by August 1, 2012. This is a requirement of all new loan applicants. John stated, once the Board of Directors approves the loan, they offer a loan commitment and the City has six months in which to enter into an actual loan agreement. John Hunkele said we have also submitted a Preliminary Engineering Report to USDA and are half way through the environmental report they require. Mr. Bill Perry, the State Engineer, in Athens Georgia, is working with us on the environmental report completed. In conclusion with the commitment from GEFA and the six months you will have to act on it, we can bring USDA up to where GEFA is and have two commitments the City can choose from. Alderman Stalnaker asked John about the rates GEFA and USDA are quoting. John replied he has heard USDA is down 2.5%, but has not seen any literature on that percentage rate. He added GEFA is still at 3.81% and what we will ask GEFA to do is look into the reduced interest rate and communicate with us if we are or are not eligible for the reduced interest. What this means is whether the water and sewer charges for an average user of 6000 gallons exceeds the medium household income by 1.25%. Alderman Davis asked John about renegotiation of the EPD consent order. John said after the first of the year he will get with Mitchell Moore, the City Attorney about renegotiations. Mandy added the ad for our intent on applying with USDA was placed in the paper and is scheduled for 5:30 December 28th. John Hunkele also informed the group the City received a letter from Jack Kingston's office in reference to RECAP (Georgia Rural Community Assistant Program); they are a separate agency that provides technical assistance to low income, and rural communities. They help them qualify for funds, most of which are Federal programs. He said the individual responsible for this organization is Phillip Reed. Mr. Reed could not attend tonight's meeting but will be at the December 28th meeting to speak to the Council about this organization. Alderman Richbourg asked John if the City is still on the list for stimulus money. John said the 1st round list has already gone out; we will certainly push to be shovel ready so we can be on the 2nd round list. Alderman Retterbush thanked John Hunkele for his commitment and all his hard work.

REPORTS

4. City Manager's /Finance Director's Report- Mandy Luke reminded the Council about the Christmas dinner Thursday the 17th at 7:00 p.m. She also reminded the group about the USDA Public Meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. December 28th in the Council Chambers. Mandy ask the Council's opinion on allowing the "Senior's Group" use of the Community Center three Tuesdays a month at no charge. She said we currently allow nonprofit organizations free rental of the Community Center, but none of these organizations use the Community Center often. After some discussion Alderman Perryman made a motion to allow the "Senior's Group" free rental two Tuesdays a month, but only if the building has not been previously booked. Alderman Richbourg seconded the motion. Mayor Harper called for a roll call on the motion. Two obtaining from the vote, one no

vote and two yes votes. Mayor Harper broke the tie with a yes vote and the motion carried. Mayor Harper added to the motion, this issue will be revisited in a few months in order to make sure the group is taking care of the Community Center.

5. City Attorney's Report-None

6. Department Heads' Report- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS/GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Harper said he visited Mrs. Maureen and Frank Watts today. The Family asked me to inform everyone the visitation for Mr. Junior Watts will be Friday December 18th at Loven Funeral Home from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The funeral will be Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at the high school gym. Alderman Retterbush asked what kind of condolences the City did for the family. Mandy said flowers have been ordered for the funeral. He requested Mandy to send a ham from the Mayor Council and the City. Alderman Richbourg said we also need to have a dedication for his years of service to the City of Nashville. Mayor Harper added Mr. Junior served as a City Council Member for 28 years and he will be missed.

Alderman Perryman said he would like to thank the Chief and all involved in cleaning up the Graffiti down town. Alderman Stalnaker concurred and said the cleanup and crew was made up of teenagers from the Yes Center and the high school 4H Club. He and Alderman Retterbush suggested the Police department send a letter of thanks to all involved. Mayor Harper said he visited the Yes Center and thanked them for all their hard work on the cleanup, will go by the high school soon and to do the same. He added the Chief bought the crew dinner on the day of the cleanup to thank them.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40p.m. Alderman Davis 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

Johnny Hall, City Clerk