

REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
December 8, 2008

INVOCATION: Mayor Harper delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Travis Harper.

WELCOME: Mayor Harper welcomed all in attendance.

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Aldermen J. P. Watts, Bill Turner, Billy Retterbush, Michael Richbourg, Scott Stalnaker and Mayor Harper.

STAFF PRESENT: Mandy Luke, John Reynolds, Henry Yawn, Chief John Clayton, Tommy Davis, Peter Schultz and Mitchell Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Randall Milton, Cheryl Bonham, Brenda Smith, John Hunkele, Ricky Cornelius, Nicole Robinson and Keith Stone.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Alderman Richbourg made a motion seconded by Alderman Retterbush to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion was carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA: Mayor Harper asked that Items # 5 & 6 be added to the Agenda. Item # 5 being for bids for the surveying of Reedy Creek and Item # 6 will be to discuss Chaparral Boats driving vehicles on Industrial Blvd. and May Avenue around the facility. Mayor Harper asked if there were any other changes, there being none Alderman Richbourg made a motion seconded by Alderman Stalnaker to approve the Formal Agenda with these additions. Motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO LIBRARY BOARD – MAYOR HARPER - Mayor Harper stated to the Council that the Library Board was under the assumption that Ms. Sue Whidden's term on the board would expire in 2009 when it actually expired this year. He remarked that the Council needs to approve Ms. Whidden's appointment for three (3) years which will end on June 30, 2011. Alderman Retterbush made a motion seconded by Alderman Stalnaker to approve the appointment. Motion was carried unanimously.

2. 2009 RENEWAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSES – MAYOR HARPER Mayor Harper informed the Council that they have a list of the businesses who have applied for the renewal of their 2009 Alcoholic Licenses in their packets. He stated that background checks have been done on all of them. He remarked that a couple of things came back on

a few of them. He said the only one who sold to the underage was J. Patel at Quick Mart # 1 & # 2. He stated this happened in 2005 but was dismissed. He added this was the only one. Alderman Richbourg made a motion seconded by Alderman Retterbush to approve the renewal of the applications on all who have paid. Mayor Harper asked if we would approve those who pay later on an individual basis. The answer was in the affirmative. Following this the motion was carried unanimously.

### 3. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ON ELECTION RESULTS – MAYOR HARPER

Mayor Harper informed the Council the information on the election and the run-off is included in the agenda packet. The following are the results of the November 4, 2008 Election: Mayor; Travis Harper, 1,497; Council Member Post 1, Pearlene Daniels, 404; Dick Perry Perryman, 736; Pat Sutton (Incumbent), 423; Council Member, Post 2, Antonio Carter, 699; Darrin Davis, 736; Council Member, Post 3, Eric Gaither, 759, Bill Turner (Incumbent), 770. The following are the results of the December 2, 2008 Run-off for Council Member Post 1; Dick Perryman, 529 and Pat Sutton, 259. Those elected in the November 4, 2008 Election was Mayor Travis Harper, Council Member Post 2, Darrin Davis and Council Member, Post 3 Alderman Bill Turner (Incumbent). Dick Perryman was elected to Post 1 currently held by Alderwoman Pat Sutton in the December 2, 2008 Run-off. Alderman Retterbush made a motion seconded by Alderman Stalnaker to adopt the Resolution accepting the Election Results. Motion was carried unanimously.

### 4. REQUEST FROM INDIVIDUAL TO DO LAB WORK FOR WATER

DEPARTMENT – JOHN REYNOLDS Mayor Harper informed the Council that we have a request from Ricky Cornelius to do lab work for the City's Water Department. He then asked John Reynolds of the Water Department to address this. Mr. Reynolds began by stating that Ricky Cornelius is interested in doing lab work for the Water Department that Water Resource Management currently does for the City each month. He remarked that Mr. Cornelius had contacted him a while back concerning this. He said he told him that we would look at it and get some prices from him. Mr. Reynolds stated that Mr. Cornelius is very willing to do this and he believes he will be able to save the City some money. Mr. Cornelius informed the Council that he is employed full time with the City of Tifton. He stated he had been in the business for eighteen years. He told the Council that he currently has a part time business that he started with his niece back in 2005. He informed the Council that they currently do the Town of Alapaha, City of Colquitt in Miller County and the City of Sycamore. He added they currently have three clients. He reiterated that this is a part time business that he has been doing for four years. He stated he has talked with Mr. Reynolds a couple of times about taking on the City of Nashville because it is local. He informed the group that their lab is located in Sycamore. He told the group that they could save the City money because they don't have the overhead some of the other companies have. Mr. Cornelius informed the group he has some proposals for them to look at if they would like. Mayor Harper asked if this is something the City usually bids out or have we just been using the same company. Mr. Reynolds responded that Poythress Company has been doing it forever. Alderman Turner questioned when the City's present contract was up. The response was there is no contract. The Council thanked Mr. Cornelius for his proposal. Mr. Reynolds informed

the group that when they build the new plant the plans are to put in a lab, but Mr. Cornelius can save us some money between now and then. The question was asked about what is the City paying now for these services. The response was that we are paying \$3,000 per month for an annual cost of \$36,000. Mayor Harper remarked that the City would be saving \$1,250.00 per month with Mr. Cornelius. Mr. Cornelius remarked that he had told Mr. Reynolds that there is one item he overlooked which is \$238.00 per month but there would still be about a \$1,000.00 savings to the City per month. He added that it was a test well that he didn't have in his plans. Alderman Richbourg commented to Attorney Moore if anything is over a \$1,000.00 do we have to bid it out anyway. Attorney Moore remarked that the Council had adopted a policy to that affect but it could be modified. Alderman Richbourg asked if we had ever bid this out before. Mr. Reynolds responded that he had an individual come to him about doing this but his price was actually more than we are paying now. Alderman Turner asked Mr. Cornelius if he is bonded. Mr. Cornelius responded no that he works off the license of the City of Sycamore and he is certified and bonded through the State of Georgia. He stated their license in through the City of Sycamore and they work through that Lab and they pay them a monthly contract fee. Mayor Harper asked if once the City gets its lab if could we contract through them. Mr. Cornelius responded yes that they would be glad to do so. Alderman Richbourg remarked if the City can save this much he doesn't see any reason why we shouldn't change. Alderman Turner asked if he understands all of the City's requirements. Mr. Cornelius responded yes. Alderman Turner made a motion that the City move their lab work to Mr. Cornelius's company, Southern Compliance Services. Alderman Stalnaker told the Council he would like to stick to the City's policy which requires that we call for bids for anything over \$1,000.00. Alderman Richbourg remarked that we have to. Attorney Moore responded that it is his understanding that the Council had set the \$1,000.00 up as a threshold. He stated that the City is not under contract but apparently we were at one time. Mr. Reynolds responded that we were with Poythress Environmental Services at one time and it was done on a year by year basis. He explained that this guy's had died. He further explained that the guy never had his state waste water license but his father did. Mr. Reynolds stated that when his father died he tried to do it for a little while and then EPD asked him what his license number was. He said it was then when he found that the guy had no license but he did. He added that the guy's dad had the license but he didn't. Mr. Reynolds went on to say that the guy went to work for another company and they do a bunch of work for a lot of different towns. He explained that he had to go to work for another company because he couldn't get his license because he always worked under his father's license. He stated he works for Water Resources Management who does have a license. He added this is a big company. Attorney Moore told the Council if they want to stay with the City's policy, which they haven't done with this up to this point, and they want to put it up for renegotiation then technically Alderman Stalnaker is correct which is to request bids. He added the question is what does the City do in the mean time and do we continue to pay the \$3,000 monthly fee. Alderman Richbourg asked if we could do it the same way we did the surveying job that we are getting ready to open bids for, which is to fast track the bid process and go ahead and get it done as soon as possible. Attorney Moore asked who we were going to get bids from. Alderman Richbourg responded that we have the current price we are paying now and we already this proposal. He asked Mr. Cornelius if he

could amend his bid because there is something he omitted. He added if he could amend it when he submits it to make sure we have the correct amount. Attorney Moore remarked to Alderman Turner and Council about the City's specs going to call for Mr. Cornelius to be bonded. He added that since he is operating under City of Sycamore he doesn't know if that would cover us. Alderman Turner asked wasn't he operating under the State of Georgia. Attorney Moore responded that he is certified under the State. Mr. Cornelius explained how this works. Alderman Stalnaker asked if the bonding was good for Sycamore or everybody he does. Alderman Richbourg asked if it mattered where they bring the water in from. Mr. Cornelius responded no and that he is already bringing water in from other locations. Attorney Moore talked about getting the request for bids in and the fact this is going to save the City \$1,000.00 a month. Alderman Retterbush asked Mr. Reynolds if the City was sending someone to school to get certified so we could do it in house. He also asked him if he was certified. Mr. Reynolds responded that he and Brandon Rice are both certified. It was discussed among the group that we don't have a lab. Attorney Moore remarked that we have got the plans for a lab down the road but what we are talking about in the mean time is can Mr. Cornelius save us some money. Alderman Turner withdrew his original motion and made a motion that we accept bids for the water testing to be opened at the December 22nd meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stalnaker. Motion was carried unanimously.

#### 5. OPENING OF BIDS FOR SURVEYING REEDY CREEK – MAYOR HARPER

Mayor Harper explained that Reedy Creek is a State water way that runs through Nashville, Georgia. Alderman Turner asked if this is not the one which runs from the airport through Meadowbrook. The response was no. Mayor Harper opened the first bid which was from Southeastern Survey out of Valdosta for \$3,500.00. The next bid was from ASA Engineering & Surveying out of Valdosta for \$3,500.00 also. The third bid was from Hogan Surveying out of Nashville for \$3,500.00. The final bid was from Carter Surveying, LLC, out of Willacoochee for \$2,150.00. Alderman Turner asked if they were all bidding on the same specs. Mayor Harper stated they were. John Hunkele of Coastal Engineering explained that Carter has the longest time frame of 30 days while Southeastern Survey gave one to two weeks, ASA Engineering & Surveying, 21 days and Hogan Engineering, 14 days. He added the time frame was put in the proposal. Alderman Richbourg questioned if it is going to cost the City any more money in the long run to wait the thirty days as opposed to the other time frame. Mr. Hunkele responded that right here at the holidays he doesn't think things are really going to move that quickly through EPD because of Christmas and New Years. There was a discussion among the group about the time frame and the lowest bid being a difference of \$1,350.00 than the others. Mayor Harper asked if the project work was from the Tifton Highway to Middle School Circle. The response was yes. Following some discussion, Alderman Richbourg made a motion seconded by Alderman Turner to go with the low bid of \$2,150.00 from Carter Surveying out of Willacoochee. Attorney Moore asked Mr. Hunkele that the stipulation be they cannot exceed the thirty days. Mr. Hunkele asked the Council if they wanted him to initiate this. They responded yes. Following this the motion was carried unanimously.

#### 6. CHAPARRAL BOATS' REQUEST – MAYOR HARPER

Mayor Harper informed

the Council that the City has received a request from Chaparral Boats. He remarked they are trying to get all of their vehicles from electric power 4-wheel golf carts up to propane power fork lift trucks, mini-trucks, back hoes, man baskets and tractors insured. He stated that their insurance doesn't want to cover them unless they have permission from the City to run these across and up and down our City roads and out there in their immediate area. He added they are requesting that the City authorize them to use their vehicles in the immediate area of Chaparral only. Alderman Stalnaker informed the group this would be Langdale Drive, Industrial Blvd. and May Avenue. Alderman Retterbush made a motion that we allow them to do it because they have been doing this for years anyway. Alderman Turner added that either the City or DOT needs to mark their routes up and down the highway because they have widened it and there is plenty of room for traffic to go both ways if they stay on the side that has been paved. The motion was seconded by Alderman Watts. There being no further discussion the motion was carried unanimously.

## REPORTS

7. CITY MANAGER/FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Ms. Luke informed the group that the auditors are here and so far it is going good.

8. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT- Attorney Moore told the Council that he has some things in the works such as a lease he is working on. Alderman Retterbush asked if he had heard anything from TTL. Attorney Moore responded no other than they did confirm the number of drums and they revised that. He added they didn't count all the drums the first time and they had to get that straightened out. He asked Ms. Luke if she has signed. Ms. Luke responded no because she waiting for him to say okay to sign it. Attorney Moore answered Alderman Retterbush's question by stating TTL had confirmed he was right. He said they had it tested to see what it is in, but otherwise they did send in the stuff to the State and are waiting to hear back from them.

9. DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORT Chief Clayton updated the Council by informing them they have had a couple of armed robberies. He stated they had taken some warrants over the last few weeks and they received a tip yesterday and they now have that armed robber in jail and they don't have to worry about him anymore. He added the investigations have picked up and they are doing a real good job.

John Reynolds reported to the Council that they are moving along with the lift station. He told them they finally got the fire hydrant at Morrison's replaced last week. Mayor Harper asked Mr. Reynolds if they have an estimated date when they are going to start on the water line/gas line relocation project on Highway 129. Mr. Reynolds responded this is for the Berrien Primary School and they plan to start on it quickly. He remarked they had got their permit back last week.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS/GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Harper thanked John Reynolds and told Chief Clayton they are proud of the police

getting the armed robber and proud for the investigations getting set up.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Richbourg made a motion seconded by Alderman Stalnaker to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Mayor Travis Harper

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Alderman Michael Richbourg

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Alderman J. P. Watts

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Alderwoman Pat Sutton

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Alderman Billy Retterbush

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Alderman Scott Stalnaker

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Alderman Bill Turner

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