

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
January 25 , 2010**

INVOCATION: City Clerk Johnny Hall 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, Scott Stalnaker, Michael Richbourg, Darrin Davis, Billy Retterbush and Mayor Harper.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Randall Milton, Keith Stone, Frank Watts, Cheryl Bonham and Brenda Smith.

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

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA: Mayor Harper requested that the spray field driveway and utility extensions be added to the Agenda. Following this request, Alderman Richbourg made a motion seconded by Alderman Stalnaker that the Formal Agenda be approved with the additions of these two items. Motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ADOPT RESOLUTION ON PARTIAL UPDATE TO THE 2015 GREATER BERRIEN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - MAYOR HARPER Mayor Harper informed the group that the Council needs to adopt a resolution updating the 2015 Greater Berrien County Comprehensive Plan. Following a brief discussion, Alderman Retterbush made a motion seconded by Alderman Richbourg to adopt the resolution. Motion was carried unanimously.

2. AGREEMENT WITH GMA'S CABLE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT SERVICES - MANDY LUKE Mayor Harper addressed the group on this subject since Ms. Luke was not present. He reminded the group about the 30 minute discussion that they had concerning the matter last year. There was discussion among the group concerning the need for these services. Mayor Harper asked Attorney Moore if the City should continue with services. Attorney Moore responded yes. It was noted that GMA has been providing these services for the past few years. It was also noted about the difference in the fee as compared to last year. It was recommended that this item could possibly be tabled. The City Clerk informed the Council that this was due on January 8, 2010 and

that all the Council needs to do is to vote to agree for the Mayor to sign the agreement. Following this discussion, Alderman Richbourg made a motion seconded by Alderman Davis to approve the signing of this agreement. Motion was carried unanimously.

3. DRIVEWAY TO SPRAYFIELD – MAYOR HARPER Mayor Harper informed the Council that the driveway leading into the sprayfield is in bad shape. He further informed the group that when the street department vehicle goes in there to dispose of yard waste they have been bogging down. There was some discussion with Street Superintendent Tommy Davis about different materials that could be used to make the drive more passable as well as the size of the area. Mr. Davis told the Council it would take approximately 25 or 30 loads. It was recommended that he obtain prices on the material. There was also discussion on an alternative drive. Alderman Richbourg told the group that he would get with Jeff Dorsey to see if he would let the City use another route.

4. UTILITY EXTENSIONS - MAYOR HARPER Mayor Harper informed the group that some citizens had mentioned to him about increasing the number of extensions a customer could get a year. He said they are currently allowed four (4) per year. He recommended that we add at least two (2) more. He said the way the economy is people need all the help they can get. Following a brief discussion on the matter, Alderman Stalnaker made a motion seconded by Alderman Richbourg to increase the number of utility extensions a customer gets per year from four (4) to eight (8). Motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS

5. CITY MANAGER/FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT None

6. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT Attorney Moore informed the group that they need to adopt the Flood Ordinance. He discussed with them concerning the previously adopted ordinance. He told them that they went back and forth with dates with the Federal government. He stated the effective date is September 25, 2009. He noted that any changes are automatically adopted. He then declared this to be the first reading of the Ordinance with the second reading and adoption being done at the next meeting.

Attorney Moore informed the group that DDA has acquired the old Blake's building. He stated some work needs to be done on the building. He told the group that he had talked with Hanson Carter with DDA and they need to decide whether to sell the building out right or rent or lease it to bring in some money for the authority. He stated the authority doesn't have any operating funds. He further stated that DDA has got the property on the market and has got an offer. He remarked the authority is to meet Wednesday and he will keep the City informed. There was a question on where the money will go on the sale or rent of this building. Attorney Moore responded that it would go to the Authority. He informed the group that the City presently has insurance coverage on the building so the property cannot remain vacant. He said that they will discuss reimbursing the City for any cost that has been incurred.

Attorney Moore reported to the group that nothing has been finalized on the Griffin Waste contract. He said he will try to have this finalized by next meeting. He added they are looking at a five (5) year contract. He said they want to address any future circumstances.

7. DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORT None

PUBLIC COMMENTS/GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Randall Milton once again addressed the issue of painting lines on West Avera Avenue. He informed the group that another vehicle had been hit while parked. He said he still would like to have lines and parking set up.

Brenda Smith asked the group about getting some dirt at her residence. Mayor Harper explained they could put some in the driveway, which is the city's right of way, but not on private property. He asked Tommy Davis to get with Ms. Smith on this request.

Alderman Retterbush spoke to the group about the guard rail on the Tifton Highway and Dogwood Drive where a recent accident occurred that resulted in a fatality. Alderman Stalnaker informed the group that he has checked with D.O.T. on this and they will be looking at different options. He noted that as with everyone else there has been a cut in funding with them. He stated they are pulling incident reports on how many accidents have occurred at this location. He said Mr. Purvis at D.O.T. will be back in contact with the Council on if and what they can do to assist with helping with this problem.

Mayor Harper noted that we have been keeping the minutes verbatim. He stated this method takes up a lot of time in typing and listening to the tapes. He recommended that we do them more like an agenda type minutes or summary. He stated that if anyone wishes to have a hard copy they could come and listen to the CD. He stated they could be very brief. After some discussion among the group they were in agreement with this recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Richbourg made a motion seconded by Alderman Stalnaker to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously. Meeting was officially adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Travis Harper

Alderman Michael Richbourg

Alderman Darrin Davis

Alderman Dick Perryman

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Bill Turner

ATTEST:

Johnny Hall, City Clerk