

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
FEBRUARY 13, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Mitchell Moore

PLEDGE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Michael Richbourg

WELCOME: Mayor Michael Richbourg

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Michael Richbourg, Aldermen Scott Stalnaker, Billy Retterbush, Eric Gaither, Walt Steward and Alderwoman Mellisa Brown

STAFF PRESENT: Mandy Luke, Jackie Jordan, Jill Wise, Chief Edwards, John Reynolds, Henry Yawn, Mitchell Moore

OTHERS PRESENT: Crissy Staley, Christopher Arnim, Briana Turner, Sam Jones, Frank Watts, Keith Stone, Kyle Pearson

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Billy Retterbush made the motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA – Eric Gaither made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the change of moving item #5-FEMA Registration-Christopher Arnim/FEMA to #1 and moving all other items down by one. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **FEMA Registration – Christopher Arnim/FEMA** – In regards to the damage from the storms and tornado in the area January 22nd, Mr. Arnim explained the process. He said the first thing for people to do is to file with their insurance company and then register with FEMA at www.DisasterAssistance.gov, with people going door to door, at the disaster recovery centers (DRC) or by phone

800-621-FEMA (3362). He said they are working closely with the local 911 center as well. He said once registered, applicants will receive a packet from SBA and briefly explained the services including individual assistance and hazard litigation. Briana Turner, public affairs specialist with SBA, also spoke and explained SBA is not just for businesses but SBA helps business of all sizes, private nonprofits, homeowners and renters. She said SBA offers loans, while grants are offered from FEMA and GEMA, and briefly explained some of the loan details regarding rates and amounts. She said individuals apply with FEMA first while businesses apply with SBA and there are three (3) ways to apply, online at www.SBA.gov, call 800-659-2955 or go to a nearby disaster recovery center (DRC). She also explained a shelf life of things that may not be known at the time of application but may develop later such as mold for example.

2. **Affidavit & Resolution for January 23, 2017 Executive Session – Mitchell Moore** – Scott Stalnaker made a motion to approve the Resolution. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
3. **Building for Honor Roll/Wall of Honor – Crissy Staley** – Crissy revisited the topic from a previous meeting (October 2016) regarding a \$5,000 matching grant received from Georgia Arts Council that the Chamber will match with another \$5,000 which they decided to use to replicate the Honor Roll Wall and they now need to decide which City building will be used because it has to be completed by June 1st according to the grant stipulations. She presented the design by Bryan Shaw and the Historical Preservation Commission. After brief discussion, a decision was made to place it on the Community Center and for the City to help with the costs of the title letters above the names. Scott Stalnaker mentioned since it will be used to help promote tourism, funds can be used from Hotel Motel tax. A motion was made by Scott Stalnaker to place the Honor Roll Wall on the South side of the Nashville Community Center. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **Advanced Disposal Aid in Disaster Relief – Mayor Richbourg** – The Mayor introduced Sam Jones with Advanced Disposal and explained after the tornado, Advanced Disposal volunteered and donated the use of ten (10) - thirty (30) yard roll off dumpsters to Berrien County residents free of charge and asks that we participate with Advanced Disposal to help the County with the tipping fees which will be approximately \$300 per unit for ten (10) units to total \$3,000. He said FEMA may reimburse some of the fees but it would be some time later if they do and the fees need to be paid now. A motion was made by Eric Gaither

to pay the tipping fees up to \$3,000. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. **Contract City Cleanup Bid Process – Mayor Richbourg** – The Mayor mentioned discussion from a previous meeting (October 2016) of putting some clean up and maintenance items out for bids and wanted to know the status. Mandy said the department heads were to get a list together which has not been completed yet. The Mayor asked about a time limit and John Reynolds said he will get with Peter Schultz about it.

REPORTS

6. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mandy said we are looking at difference options or upgrades on the siren, which is outdated, as far as using existing equipment and add to it or something totally different. She said they have spoken with different companies and contacts, are still waiting on some of the information and are still working on it. Mandy explained the Fire Department has a 1968 pumper truck that needs to be replaced. Scott explained how the truck is used and said it did not test well this year. Mandy said she has been speaking with Fire Chief Buck Warren and Fireman Steve Adams on this. She said Steve Adams is getting estimates, they are looking at finance options and she just wanted to make them aware of it.
7. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell said he has a tentative closing date on the REDLG documents of February 24th or 28th to possibly include the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk. He also said he received a proposal from John Hunkele regarding a bid process on the Beetree/Perkins Subdivision property which is excellent but it did not address the existing structures and he will get in touch with Mr. Hunkele about it. Mitchell and Crissy Staley briefly discussed the Urban Redevelopment Agency. Mitchell also mentioned the WINFAB project is underway and they plan to set up a conference with the contractors in the next couple weeks.
8. **Department Head's** – John Reynolds said they are expecting the sewer machine this Wednesday that was discussed in a previous meeting (October 2016). Crissy Staley updated the group that the grant for the new industrial park was successfully funded. It is \$500,000 Tier 1 Georgia grant. She also extended a thank you to the City for the help in the new industrial park.

Jill Wise reminded everyone of the Chili Cook-off to take place Saturday, February 25th, at Connie's Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keith Stone extended his thanks to the Chief and Police Department for the traffic control of the school buses at Hull and Davis due to the detour from the new apartment construction and asked if someone could fill in when that officer is unavailable. Keith also mentioned an abandoned vehicle on Joyce Avenue and Henry Yawn said it has been taken care of. Keith also said when the development of the apartment complex was initially addressed, he was concerned about how wide Edgewood is and a property owner said they would give some of their property to add onto Edgewood but they have installed the curbing already and is concerned it is not wide enough. Mayor Richbourg asked Chief Edwards to take a look at it to see if anything needs to be done from a traffic standpoint.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Walt Steward said he thinks the Council should appoint someone to negotiate with the County on emergency broadcasting with a set dollar amount and then bring the information to the Council to vote on it. Mayor Richbourg said he received an email from Kimberly Hobbs that there may be possibility of FEMA, after a disaster occurs, to help with disaster preparedness. Mandy Luke said Steve Adams had someone look at the City's generator and it needs to be replaced and he has heard from other places that after disasters in their area, GEMA or FEMA would help with that. The consensus was for Mayor Richbourg to speak with them and then have Mitchell Moore review and assist. Walt asked Mitchell about the bid process in regards to sharing expenses with the County.

Mitchell Moore said he failed to mention earlier on the REDLG, there was a change in the date to go back from 08/05/2014 instead of 03/10/2015 but we are still not at the max and are closer to around \$477,000 so we will not be able to maximize the full benefit.

Eric Gaither mentioned the chain link fence at the basketball court on Adel highway has been knocked down. John Reynolds said he will check on it.

Mellisa Watson asked if the street sweeper was still working because she had some complaints. She also asked if a reminder can be sent to the Council when the siren is being tested.

Scott Stalnaker said the street sweeper was sent to clean up at the track at the high school due to an event they had recently and extended his appreciation for that.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Eric Gaither made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Michael Richbourg

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderman Mellisa Watson

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Walter Steward

ATTEST:

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk