

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
MARCH 27, 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 Walt Steward, Scott Stalnaker, Eric Gaither, Billy Retterbush and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jarod Lovett, Neal Bennett, Rod Smith, Shontina Brinson, Brenda Thomas

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 adding Shontina (Tisby) Brinson – Autism Awareness Bicycle Ride as item #1, moving all others down one, deleting #4, Resident of Hull Avenue Apartments/Water Issue – Therese Markham, as she was not at the meeting, and deleting #5, Erosion in Drainage Ditch in Meadow Brook Subdivision – Will Walden and James Cribb, since they were unable to attend. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Autism Awareness Bicycle Ride – Shontina (Tisby) Brinson** – Mrs. Brinson explained the event of a Bicycle Ride for Autism Awareness taking place April

22, 2017 starting at Dorsey Memorial Library at 10:00 a.m. and ending at Tygart Park. She asked for use of electricity and water at the park. Scott Stalnaker made a motion to allow them to use electricity and water at Tygart Park. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Trash Contract – Mayor Richbourg** – The Mayor said we needed clarification from the last meeting that we are putting the trash collection out for bid and specifically how we are going to do that. Mandy Luke said she can have it ready in two (2) weeks. Mitchell explained there was a question about how it came up at the last meeting because it was not on the Agenda and the process of Agenda items and how unfinished business from previous meetings should be handled. Billy Retterbush made a motion to put out for bids for trash collection for a four (4) year contract. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mandy said she will advertise it in the Berrien Press, GMA, Tifton, Adel, Valdosta and the City’s website.
3. **List of Blighted Properties – Henry Yawn** – Mr. Yawn presented a list of blighted properties along with a list of those that have been demolished in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. Mayor Richbourg asked Mitchell how it needs to be handled now that we have a list and an ordinance. Mitchell said unless the exercise of eminent domain is under the police powers by the City to protect public health and safety issues, the exercise of eminent domain requires just compensation and due process. The exercise of police powers does not apply unless it has risen to the level of posing a public health hazard and just ugly is not a health hazard. Mayor Richbourg said we have an ordinance on just ugly too. Mitchell said we need some type of priority system to rate by criteria and possibly form a committee for it. Mayor Richbourg explained some of them have been demolished but Honeybee Street, which is on the demolished list, still has part of the structure standing with debris on the ground. The Mayor asked Mr. Yawn to add more details to the list such as if they have been contacted, the response, how many times they have been contacted, dates of contact and results. The Council also asked to have monthly updates until decided otherwise. Mr. Yawn told the Council that the new apartment building, on Edgewood, is expected to be completed around the end of July. Mayor Richbourg asked when it will be on the tax digest and Mandy said it will be 2018 before they are added to the tax digest as it has to be complete on January 1st.

4. **New Fire Truck – Mandy Luke** – Mrs. Luke said she had Fire Chief Buck Warren review the two (2) quotes she mentioned in the last meeting and his recommendation was the low bidder, Fouts Bros., for \$245,951 versus Ten-8 for \$296,754. She said she spoke with Tonia Hendricks with the Regional Commission and she said the only grant she is aware of is an AFG through FEMA but with it, they accept grant applications in October and award them in December to February. With it, the local government only pays five percent of the cost but they get so many applications, it is extremely hard to get, and the majority are awarded to Macon and north of Macon due to number of calls, fires, fleet, etcetera and we need it within six months to avoid a change in the ISO rating. She said GMA can finance up to ten years with rates from 2.82% to 3.52% based on dollar amount and term. She said she has some amortization schedules for ten, fifteen and twenty years that show an annual payment of \$29,603 on ten years. She said RDA has a grant and loan with a cap on grants of up to \$25,000 and all else is a loan with repayment terms up to forty years based on the life expectancy and those rates are around 3.375%. Therefore, she said we would be looking at an annual payment of about \$29,603 over ten years, \$21,385 over fifteen years or \$17,336 over twenty years. She said we just finished one loan and we need to go ahead and accept the low bid to get it ordered and as soon as she gets more information from USDA, we need to make a decision on GMA or USDA to get it ordered. Scott Stalnaker made a motion to accept the lowest bid on a fire truck from Fouts Bros. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

5. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mrs. Luke reported on the water sampling quotes discussed at the last meeting where the Council voted to go with Tindall since they are in Georgia and have done it before. She said John was going to call Tindall to see if they would match the quote from AEL. John called them and they did match the quote so she just needs to sign it and return it to them. She said she also reported, at the last meeting, receipt of speed zone ordinance received from DOT. She said Police Chief Edwards reviewed it and there have been no changes.
6. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell presented a quit claim on the Perkins Subdivision property from the City of Nashville into the Urban Redevelopment Agency for approval and signature. Billy Retterbush made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign the quit claim deed. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and

the motion passed unanimously. Mitchell gave the first reading of the new ordinance by the City of Nashville adopting and establishing a revised list of roadways for the City of Nashville prepared and approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation for the purpose of revising and establishing existing speed limits on routes within the City of Nashville to bring them into compliance with the present DOT regulations. He said the old code has not been revised since 1979 and the statute actually talks about speed limits in general so the new statute and revised list will be merged into it. Chief Edwards said the state revises and updates it every five (5) years and there were no changes previously. This is considered the first reading of the new ordinance. Mitchell reported on the REDLG that he has submitted all documents, opinion letters and collateral pledge to Guardian Bank for their approval and is waiting to hear from the City of Adel.

7. **Department Head's** – Jill Wise reminded everyone the Fishing Rode will be April 29th. She also said there is a charity Glow Walk/Run that evening and a Tyler Carter triathlon that same day. Mayor Richbourg asked Chief Edwards if the new Chargers, previously discussed, had been ordered. Chief Edwards said he had been very busy with FEMA trying to gather the information and apply for the grant but once finished with it, he would be able to start working on that again.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rod Smith said they are going to have an Easter egg hunt at Beetree Park on April 15th and asked for use of electricity and water. Eric Gaither made a motion to allow them use of electricity and water for this event at no charge. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Walt Steward asked the formal process of the key to use electricity and water at Beetree Park which is first come, first serve and sign for the key at customer service at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Scott Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Eric Gaither 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