

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
May 22, 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, Antonio Carter, Billy Retterbush and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mandy Luke, Jackie Jordan, Jill Wise, Chief Edwards, Peter Schultz, Mitchell Moore

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bryan Shaw, Sara Luke, Evelyn Vinson, Willie Bell, Horace Bell

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

**ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA** – Billy Retterbush made the motion to adopt the formal agenda. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Radio Tower Space Lease Agreement – Mitchell Moore** – Mitchell said he has been in touch with Mr. Hutchins with State Properties Commission who will check with their legal department and get back with him concerning hold harmless and liability concerns. He is also concerned about the provision requiring up to forty-eight (48) hours to eliminate the interference or Landlord has the right to disconnect the equipment causing such interference. Billy

expressed concerns of the liability if someone gets hurt upon climbing the tower. Mitchell explained that is another concern he wants more clearly addressed. Scott also said only someone certified and approved should be able to climb the tower.

2. **Leadership Training thru GMA Request by Antonio Carter – Mandy Luke** – Mandy explained Mr. Carter’s request for the GMA training at Jekyll Island in August which has a registration fee of \$650. She said there is barely enough in the budget and that would be cutting it close for Walt, Billy and Antonio going to Savannah conference in June. Antonio and the Council agreed he would wait.

## **REPORTS**

3. **City Manager’s/Finance Director’s Report** – Mrs. Luke said she has begun working on the new budget and will need to set up a workshop next month.
4. **City Attorney’s Report** – Mitchell briefly explained the invocation and recent concerns of interpretation on same with the Supreme Court.
5. **Department Head’s** – Chief Edwards updated the Mayor and Council that the FEMA reimbursement grant they have been working on since February has been submitted and approved by FEMA and he signed the final disposition forms last Friday. He said they expect to receive approximately \$6,000 within a few weeks. Chief Edwards also reported on the public warning system stating they may have found a solution which would activate the siren by phone and would cost less than \$5,000. He said the software is being developed and install should be within a few weeks. He also reported that at the last Council meeting, April 24, 2017, Tommy Clark made a complaint about one of the officers and was instructed by Mayor Richbourg to first meet with the Chief of Police before presenting it to the Council. Chief Edwards said he spoke with Mr. Clark after the meeting that night, offered to meet with him at his convenience and they set an appointment for Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, but he has not heard from him since.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Evelyn Vinson of East Beetree complained of debris and subsequent mess left at the abandoned house behind her house. She also complained of shopping carts and items being left on the property across the street from her.

Sara Luke of Diane Avenue complained about the state of the property of Cypress Wood Apartments near her and expressed concerns of possible illegal activity going on there.

Willie Bell of East Marion complained about the property next to him being overgrown and chickens running around there causing him problems. Mayor Richbourg said the City will have animal control try to get the chickens removed. They also briefly discussed the ownership of the property.

Bryan Shaw mentioned the advertising of their hearing times, dates, places, etcetera have been inconsistent since the paper changed hands but they try to meet each Monday following receipt(s) of request(s) at 4:00 at the old courthouse. He also asked for consideration of possible reimbursement of part of the postage and printing expenses of Historic Preservation Commission of around \$100 per year. Mayor Richbourg asked Mrs. Luke if the two of them can meet to include it in the budget.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Billy Retterbush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Michael Richbourg

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Alderman Eric Gaither

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Alderwoman Mellisa Watson

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Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

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Alderman Scott Stalnaker

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Alderman Walter Steward

**ATTEST:**

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Jackie Jordan, City Clerk