

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
October 9, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Bryan Shaw

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 Billy Retterbush, Scott Stalnaker, Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Shaw, Travis Harper, Rodrick Smith

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

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA – Antonio Carter made the motion to adopt the formal agenda. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Adoption of Tax Millage Rate – Mandy Luke** – Mrs. Luke explained the 2017 millage rate and the five year history of levy was advertised in the paper on September 27th and October 4th. She said it is remaining at 8 mills and it needs to be adopted tonight so she can get with the software company and have the bills mailed out by October 20th. Mayor Richbourg asked how long it had been at that rate and Mrs. Luke said for eight to ten years. Billy Retterbush

made a motion to adopt the tax millage rate of 8 mills. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

2. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – None.
3. **City Attorney's Report** – Mr. Moore said he is trying to getting more information from a lender or investor that contacted him on the Nashville Urban Redevelopment Agency/Perkins project to make sure long term financing is in place and mentioned the LLC just registered in Georgia this year. Mr. Moore asked if the Mayor and Council want him to look into a textual change to the zoning ordinance to allow a special exception in the Central Business District, which they did. Mr. Moore explained he spoke with Dixon Gin on the gas contract and they are set to terminate this year but they are set up to provide that we cannot renegotiate Tifton's portion until they are paid in full and they refinanced their portion. He said would get with the City Manager about getting some Certificates of Deposit's released to possibly pay off early.
4. **Department Head's** – Jill Wise thanked everyone for helping or attending the Harvest Festival and said the next event is Trick or Treat around the square for Halloween on October 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. She also mentioned Black Light Friday which will be a skating rink with black lights and glow sticks located in the parking lot in front of Dr. Cox's office on November 17th. John Reynolds explained, in connection with the City's commitment to provide the first half of water service, as in kind, to the new Berrien County industrial park, he has been approached about the City completing the second half. John said the City can do it for about \$10,000 less than the bid the County received and the County will pay the City back for the City's expense. Antonio made a motion for the City to complete the second half of the water line in conjunction with the County. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Scott Stalnaker abstained from voting due to serving on the Development Authority Board. Mr. Moore suggested an intergovernmental agreement or memorandum of understanding, which was agreed upon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Scott Stalnaker was complimentary of the Harvest Festival and Doughboy dedication. Antonio Carter said he would like all of the City employees to receive an extra amount of \$200.00, if it is in the budget, due to all the extra work as a result of the recent storm (Hurricane Irma). Eric Gaither made a motion to give all the employees an extra \$200.00 in appreciation. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Billy Retterbush commended the Harvest Festival success.

Mellisa Watson mentioned the costume contest at Watson's Pools on October 31st at 5:00.

Mayor Richbourg commented on the City receiving the \$306,000 CHIP (Community Home Investment Program) Grant with the help of the South Georgia Regional Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Antonio Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Michael Richbourg

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderwoman Mellisa Watson

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Walter Steward

ATTEST:

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk