

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
January 8, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: John Hunkele

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, 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: John Hunkele, William O'Connell, Daniel Hancock

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Swearing In of Newly Elected Officials – Mitchell Moore, City Attorney** – City Attorney, Mitchell Moore, issued the Oath collectively to re-elected Aldermen Billy Retterbush (Post Four), Scott Stalnaker (Post Five) and Walt Steward (Post Six). They all affirmed the Oath.

2. **Streets, Drainage, Water & Sewer Improvements/CDBG Project – John Hunkele, Coastal Engineering** – Mr. Hunkele explained five bids were received December 19th for the CDBG/streets, drainage, and water and sewer improvements project. The low bid was \$418,060.50 by Thrift Brothers which is below the construction budget of \$469,700 and the construction budget included \$51,800 for the City’s funded portion for paving. Mr. Hunkele recommends Thrift Brothers. He said the street paving improvement ran higher but since the project is under budget, Mike Jacobs with SGRC is filing an amendment to create a line item in the CDBG budget for pavement to go toward it. Antonio Carter made a motion to award it to Thrift Brothers, LLC, in the amount of \$418,060.50. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3. **Request for Help with Water/Sewer and Gas at The Caring Place – William O’Connell** – Mr. O’Connell asked the City for assistance for The Caring Place for the fees for water, sewer, trash and gas due to it being a non-profit organization. Mayor Richbourg explained the City traditionally does not do this because if they did it for one, they would have to do it for all non-profit groups. Scott Stalnaker and Mandy Luke explained with these being enterprises funds still under loans with restrictions, the City cannot do this. Mellisa made a motion to allow it but later withdrew it due to the restrictions of the loans. City Attorney Moore explained while the Caring Place serves a wonderful purpose, the restrictive covenants of the water fund prohibit this. Some of the Council members expressed a desire to donate personally if The Caring Place decide on a fund raiser for these purposes.

4. **Addendum to Probation Services Agreement between the City of Nashville and A D Probation Services – Daniel Hancock, A D Probation Services** – Mr. Hancock presented an addendum to the probation services agreement between the City of Nashville and A D Probation Services briefly explaining the misdemeanor probation oversight unit, in February 2017, was changed from the probation advisory council that come from Governor Deal’s DCS (Department of Community Supervision) reconstruction supervision. He also explained the services of the A D Probation Services contract are unchanged but this amendment addresses additional requirements for qualifications of the probation officer training. Scott Stalnaker made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the addendum. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. **Beer, Wine & Liquor License Approvals – Mayor Michael Richbourg** –

2018 BEER WINE LIQUOR LICENSES				
BUSINESS NAME	APPLICANT NAME	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	AMT PAID
Pizza Hut #2948	Steven G. Gardner	608 S. Davis St.	Beer License	\$ 500.00
TOTAL				\$ 500.00

Mayor Richbourg presented one (1) application for Beer, Wine, Liquor licenses as listed in the preceding table. Having nothing to prevent the approval, Eric Gaither made a motion to approve the application. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

6. **Affidavit & Resolution for December 11, 2017 Executive Session – Mitchell Moore** – Billy Retterbush made a motion to approve the Resolution for the December 11th Executive Session. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

7. **Assignment of Council to Mayor Pro-Tem and Departments – Mayor Michael Richbourg** – Mayor Richbourg suggested Walt Steward serve as Mayor Pro-Tem and serve over Public Safety and Billy Retterbush to serve over Sanitation. Scott Stalnaker made a motion for Walt Steward to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem and serve over Public Safety, Billy Retterbush to serve over Sanitation and the remaining Council to continue to serve over their existing department which has Antonio Carter over Water and Sewer, Eric Gaither over Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries, Scott Stalnaker over Gas and Street and Mellisa Watson over Economic and Community Development. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

8. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mrs. Luke said she is still preparing information for the FY2017 audit for the auditors.

9. **City Attorney's Report** – City Attorney Moore said verification of addresses on the CDBG project are in progress for temporary easements. Mr. Moore also gave a brief update on the annexation item from the last meeting which may be added on the next Agenda.

10. **Department Head's** – Henry Yawn said they are working on a map for the next meeting regarding the annexation item. John Reynolds gave a brief update on the meter change outs saying they are supposed to have the small meters completed by Wednesday but does not think it is possible and spoke with Chris Poje again today. City Attorney Moore briefly explained possible anticipation of problems with this as it relates to the contract. Jill Wise thanked everyone for their support of the events in 2017. She also mentioned she is attending the Okefenokee Occasion taking place Wednesday. Mayor Richbourg said he had planned to attend the Okefenokee Occasion but is unable to attend asking if anyone can take his place. Jill said the next event downtown will be the Chili Cook-off at the end of February. Peter Schultz said they are still working on clearing out all the yard debris from the previous weather. He also said he received a call from EPD regarding the land field closure and was told we do not need a permit and continue running it as we have been. Mayor Richbourg asked him if he could get documentation from them stating that. Chief Edwards reminded everyone of the MLK parade on Sunday at 4:00 and the highways affected by it. He also said a portion of Highway 129 from Ray City to Moody is to be under re-surfacing beginning Tuesday morning which will take approximately four (4) weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Eric Gaither asked Peter Schultz about the fence at the basketball court on the Adel Highway. Peter said he will contact them again. Mayor Richbourg mentioned he wants the spray field on the Adel Highway and pressure washing at the parks to be put on the next Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Billy Retterbush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Mellisa Watson 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