

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
January 22, 2018  
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, Antonio Carter and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Janet Studstill

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

**ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA** – Eric Gaither made the motion to adopt the formal agenda. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Berrien County Development Authority Request of Annexation of New Industrial Park – Mitchell Moore, City Attorney** – This item was to be presented by Henry Yawn but he was not present so City Attorney Mitchell Moore made a presentation. He and Mr. Yawn had spoken several times regarding the annexation and Mr. Moore advised the Council Henry Yawn had provided him a sketch/map of the annexed site and adjoining property, some of

which is in the City and some in the County, but there was property within the City limits adjacent to the proposed annexation site along Highway 168. Mr. Moore explained there are 5 different methods for annexation of property, one of which is 100% method and the other is 60% method but he advised that since the City was going to annex the Business Park into the City then perhaps we should contact the adjacent landowners in the County to see if they wanted to participate. He mentioned that Henry Yawn had expressed concerns at one time that the annexation cannot result in creating islands of county property inside the City limits but the information provided to Mr. Moore and the tax records reveal that islands are not a concern but he would have to contact the property owners and had not checked the title at this time but was relying upon the tax records only up to this point. He did not anticipate any problems and we could proceed with the annexation of the business park only but would have to contact the other adjacent owners if we wanted to include them in this process. He indicated he would proceed and keep the City Manager apprised.

2. **Spray Field – Adel Highway – Mayor Michael Richbourg** – Mayor Richbourg discussed putting the spray field out for bid for the possibility of the City earning income. Billy Retterbush made a motion to entertain for bids. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. They expressed their appreciation to Mr. Smith and John Reynolds said he will get more information on it and will contact Mr. Smith about this.
3. **Pressure Washing at City Parks – Mayor Michael Richbourg** – After a brief discussion of maintenance of the parks, Scott Stalnaker made a motion to put out for bids for lawn maintenance of the City parks and pressure washing, once per year, the equipment in the City parks. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

4. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mrs. Luke provided the Mayor and Council with bank balance reports. She said the W2's were completed and will be provided to employees this week and she has some quarterly and year end reporting to complete. She said she and City Attorney Moore were working at the Wiregrass lease/rental agreement. She said they are asking for a copy of the floorplan but Randy Lane worked on the project and they discussed the work that was done and did not think they ever had an actual floorplan. She said she is still preparing information for the FY2017 audit for the auditors.

5. **City Attorney's Report** – City Attorney Moore briefly explained working with John and April on information about services and service lines on the property pertaining to the current CDBG Project taking place behind Subway and said they will not know exactly where the exact lines on the private property are until the contractor can access them and he is in finalization process with John Hunkele on easements. He explained of the twenty-seven (27) to twenty-eight (28) units, most of the property is rental property owned by one entity and easements would only be required by the property owner rather than the residents.
  
6. **Department Head's** – John Reynolds said they had been working on water lines in area of Norman Street and still working on the property for the CDBG project. Jill Wise mentioned details of the Chili cook-off taking place Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Peter Schultz said they received a request for speed bumps on Edgewood which they will order speed bumps for that and an area on Beetree near the housing authority. He also said there are four (4) trees in the right of way at North Jackson and Beetree that need to be removed due to size and age. He said he already spoke with the forestry commission to acquire replacement trees. Chief Edwards gave the Mayor and Council photos and information of two (2) surplus cars with multiple mechanical and/or electrical problems that are not cost effective to repair considering age and mileage. He said as the cars were being stripped down for disposal Enigma Chief of Police Valdez approached them about a possible donation or low cost purchase of the cars, stating according to the figures of the last auction, they would be lucky to bring \$750 for both in the condition they are. Antonio Carter made a motion to declare the two vehicles as surplus items. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Eric Gaither made a motion to sell the two (2) surplus vehicles to the City of Enigma for one dollar (\$1.00) each. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Billy Retterbush explained since he is now over sanitation, he would like to replace Travis Harper on the Deep South Solid Waste Board and this would have an active Councilman on the Board. Eric Gaither made a motion for Billy Retterbush to replace Travis Harper on the Deep South Solid Waste Board. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Walt Steward mentioned a conversation he had with the owner of Utility Cargo needing a larger facility and that he spoke with the new Chamber Director about it and what incentives can be offered to keep them local.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Billy Retterbush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 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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Alderman Mellisa Watson

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Alderman Antonio Carter

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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