

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
February 26, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Clarence Luke

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Stone, John Black

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 – Mayor Richbourg requested to add an additional item to the Agenda: Item #3 – City Park Curfew/Hours. Mellisa Watson made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the addition. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Cemetery Workshop – Mayor Richbourg** – Mayor Richbourg explained a workshop took place before the Council meeting regarding numerous decorative items, benches and other items around gravesites in the Cemeteries other than monuments and markers causing difficulties for the City to keep the Cemeteries maintained. He further explained there will be a change in the

ordinance to help get things in order but before the change there will be at least two (2) public hearings, possibly three (3), along with a notice in the paper to supply everyone with the information.

2. **Bid Totals and Awarding for 2017-2018 LMIG Project – Peter Schultz –** Peter Schultz explained the two (2) bids received were East Coast Asphalt for \$168,294 and The Scruggs Company for \$159,141. He explained the 2017 and 2018 project would provide resurfacing for eleven (11) streets and with The Scruggs Company bid coming in under construction budget provides an underrun on funds and if a change order is approved to add improvements to Martin Luther King Jr Drive from Ann Street to Mitchell Street which would take the City over by \$6,477. Billy Retterbush made a motion to award the bid to The Scruggs Company with the change order. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3. **City Park Curfew/Hours – Mayor Richbourg –** Mayor Richbourg said he had been contacted by someone stating they found drugs on the curb at one of the City parks where many small children play. The drugs were turned over to the Police Department but the Mayor was concerned about the children in the City parks. He mentioned the park hours are from sunrise to sunset and there is no reason for anyone to be at the parks after dark other than the park with soft ball fields which have lights. He asked City Attorney to investigate maximum fines for being in the parks after hours and if fines could be increased if there were signs designating them as a “Drug Free Zone.” City Attorney Moore said City parks are drug free zones under State statute and have enhanced penalties. Mayor Richbourg also asked about signs stating the hours and the fines for being in the parks after hours. Peter Schultz said they have problems with people removing the signs when they install them and they briefly discussed type and sizes of signage. Antonio Carter made a motion to install new signage in all the City Parks. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

4. **City Manager’s/Finance Director’s Report –** Mrs. Luke said she received the semi-annual Deep South Solid Waste royalty agreement in the amount of \$25,589.50 and needs approval for the Mayor to sign to enter into the agreement to receive the check. Antonio Carter made a motion to enter into the agreement. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried

unanimously. Mrs. Luke also said Peter provided her with an advertisement for bids for maintenance of the City parks which will run in the paper this week and next week (deadline for bids is 4:30 on March 16th).

5. **City Attorney's Report** – City Attorney Moore said all but three (3) easements on the CDBG project are signed and he understands from John Reynolds that the necessary signage was put in place by Thrift Brothers, contractor. He also said the bid solicitation for the spray field hay operation has been sent to the paper through the 21st with the deadline for bids at 4:30 on March 23rd. The bid solicitation specifies that the actual acreage for the hay operation is incumbent upon the bidder to determine. Mr. Moore also mentioned he has not received a response from Tifton's City Manager and would make contact with their City Attorney regarding the Gas Certificates of Deposit (CD's) previously discussed. He also stated he is finalizing the proposal for advertisement for bids on the NURA project for the Perkins Subdivision.
6. **Department Head's** – John Reynolds said they are getting closer to completing the radio-read meter replacement project. Peter Schultz said the deadline for bids for maintenance of the parks is 4:30 on March 16th. He also said the gates for the cemetery are in Moultrie and he is waiting on a price for repairs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Black asked about the City cleaning the drainage ditch at Decatur and MLK Jr Drive. Peter Schultz said it is on private property belonging to the Rail Road and it is blocked by their old rail road ties. He said he will contact them and ask them to clear it.

Keith Stone approached the Mayor and Council about the City's contribution to Carrie Dorsey Perry Memorial Library. He provided them with information regarding the services and patronage of the library. He explained the overall shortage of funds has resulted in the library having to use their fund equity further explaining once that is exhausted they would have to cut services. He thanked the City for their contribution, mentioned the decrease in 2015 from \$1,200/month to \$1,000/month and inquired of the possibility of increasing the City's contribution back to \$1,200/month. Scott Stalnaker explained the \$200 cut from the City resulted in more of a loss due to matching funds. Scott Stalnaker made a motion for the City Manager to check if funds are available and if funds are available to increase the monthly donation to \$1,200 at this time and to increase the monthly donation to \$1,500/month in the new budget. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mellisa Watson said Jill Wise could not attend the meeting but asked her to relay her appreciation to everyone who helped or participated in the Chili Cook-off. She also said she had been approached by a local truck driver that he and some other drivers do not have a place at home to park their trucks and asked if the City could help. After brief discussion, the Mayor and Council said the City could not provide parking due to liability issues.

Billy Retterbush commented on how well the Chili Cook-off went.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Antonio Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 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