

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
March 26, 2018
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 Walt Steward, Scott Stalnaker, Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter, Billy Retterbush and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

STAFF PRESENT: Jackie Jordan, Jill Wise, Chief Edwards, John Reynolds, Peter Schultz, Mitchell Moore, Henry Yawn, Larry Marshall, Ronald Knowles, Chris Youngblood, Fred Busbin, Rich Varn, B.J. Hampton, Timothy Jernigan, Buck Owens

OTHERS PRESENT: Kaitlyn Marshall, Selena/Benjamin Wright, Patricia Rowe, Jon/Michelle Teegardin, Collin Teegardin, Trampas Edmonds, Jarvis Edmonds, Bryan Shaw, Keith Stone, Drew Smith, Kyle Pearson

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Eric Gaither made the motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Billy Retterbush 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 – Bid Openings (Spray Field / Hay Field and Maintenance of City Parks). Scott Stalnaker made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the addition. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Officer Promotion Ceremony of Larry Marshall and Introduction of Two Police Academy Cadets – Chief Edwards** – Chief Edwards introduced

Brittany Futch and Spencer Baker as the two (2) newest members of the Police Department staff stating they will attend the next Georgia police academy session beginning Thursday, March 29, 2018. Chief Edwards then asked Officer Larry Marshall to stand before everyone and gave the following speech, “The badge, sometimes referred to as a shield, is a tangible symbol of authority. There are two times a shield is presented to an officer. The first is upon graduation of the police academy and the second upon being promoted. The “pin-on” ceremony, all be it brief and simple, is steeped in tradition and is an exciting and prideful moment, not just for the officers but also their loved ones. As we climb the ladder of rank and authority, we become increasingly responsible. Responsible to lead by example in both word and deed. Because not only are we responsible for the actions we take, but also for the answers and guidance we give to those depending on us, because of our expected knowledge from training and experience. And with this increased responsibility, also comes increased personal sacrifice. In public service work especially, this personal sacrifice involves not only the employee, but also the immediate family, which is why we like to include them in this ceremony and encourage their participation, for it is these people that will be most important in the officer’s lives as they continue their career. There will be more missed birthdays, anniversaries and holidays, and for officers with increased rank and responsibility there will be calls at all hours, dinner interruptions, conversation interruptions, and other interruptions, vacation and time off cancellations, and other last minute change of plans. So while I celebrate this moment of pride with you, I remind you this is also the moment more responsibility begins and the moment, we the officers, and we the families, accept this responsibility.” He then took his old badge, presented him with his new badge and had his wife, Kaitlyn Marshall, pin it on him.

2. **Grease Trap for The Brown Bag – Victoria and Casey Hempen – Mr. Hempen** explained they now have a verbal agreement of lease to purchase and requested an extension on the grease trap requirement as they do not wish to incur that expense when the property does not belong to them. Mayor Richbourg explained the need for grease traps is due to the waste water treatment facility and some business have operated for a certain period of time until they graduated from a portable or under sink grease trap to an in ground grease trap. The Hempen’s explained they would know more in six (6) months as to whether they might purchase the property and Mayor Richbourg said this would be with an understanding to install an in ground grease trap if they purchase the property. John Reynolds recommended the need for a full grease trap but a delay of six (6) months might be ok. Scott Stalnaker explained when

the requirement of the grease traps began, they allowed several businesses a six (6) month extension or grace period due to financial hardship of the installation of them but also explained the smaller it is, the more often it has to be pumped out which costs more, but said he thought it would only be fair to allow them the same grace period. There was brief discussion of the motion at the last meeting to require it, the financial hardship of installation, and whether they are going to lease versus possibly purchasing later. City Attorney Moore explained the grease trap requirement is not based on who owns the property but is based on the type of business and if the food preparation, cooking and the amount of fats, grease and oils used in the business requires a grease trap. The initial question is whether a grease trap is required based on their menu and food preparation. The Hempen's explained everything comes in pre-cooked and they do not use grease. Mellisa Watson made a motion to grant an extension of six (6) months to see if they are going to purchase the building before they are made to spend that amount of money. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion. City Attorney Moore explained the precedence value is based upon the extenuating circumstance that there is none or very little food preparation. The Hempen's said they do not fry anything. Scott Stalnaker said if that changes, the whole situation changes. Billy Retterbush said this is unfair because others were made to do it and we need to be more consistent. Mayor Richbourg said there are some business who have an under sink grease trap rather than an in the ground grease trap. Eric Gaither said he wanted to make sure the six (6) month period starts from the current date. Walt Steward said his thoughts are to implement policy to charge fees for these type extensions. Mellisa Watson said we need to consider the fact that they may not purchase this property and thinks it would be reasonable to extend the six (6) month grace period. City Attorney Moore clarified that the critical issue is not who owns what but what they do and the grease trap requirement is not imposed upon the owner but is imposed based upon the food preparation on the site and if it generates materials that are hazardous to the water treatment facility and wants to make sure everyone understands it does not matter who owns it. Walt Steward said, in agreement, if it were a business, such as McDonald's or Burger King, that fries a lot of food, it would be harder to allow the same extension. Antonio Carter expressed concern they have not signed a lease or agreement. The Hempen's said it is based upon the decision of the grease trap requirement but they do plan to move to the Davis Street location. Mayor Richbourg said they would know better in six (6) months if they are going to buy or lease and at that time the Council would make a decision if a permanent grease tap would be required. Mr. Hempen asked what the policy is to determine what is required. Mayor Richbourg explained John Reynolds recommends what is needed based on what

they prepare and how they prepare it. After brief discussion on the size of trap and how often it needs to be pumped, Mellisa Watson amended her motion for John Reynolds or someone from the Water/Sewer Department to inspect it monthly and if found to be full, a full grease trap will be required at that time. Scott Stalnaker seconded the amended motion. Walt Steward and Eric Gaither voted yes. Antonio Carter and Billy Retterbush voted no. The motion passed four (4) to two (2). Mellisa Watson stated any others, such as the day care, that have been granted an exception, others that have been granted extensions or any who have an under sink grease trap, be inspected by John Reynolds or the Water/Sewer department as well.

3. **Bid Openings for City Parks and Spray Field/Hay Field – Mayor Richbourg** – Mayor Richbourg opened and read the bids stating the decision would not be made until the City Manager and department heads had a chance to review and make their recommendations. He opened the two (2) bids received for the City Parks: Brad Warren at \$875.00 per month; BLS Lawn & Landscape Services at \$19,000 for remaining ten (10) months. He opened the three (3) bids received for the Spray Field/Hay Field: Drew Smith – 119 grass acres at \$24.00 per acre and 106 wood acres at \$5.00 per acre for total of \$3,386.00 for both and \$2,856.00 for grass only; Dillon Nash – \$55.00 per tenable acre of hay but did not state how many acres; Sirmans & Sons – \$40.00 per acre for rental of approximately 225 acres of Alicia Bermuda grass.

REPORTS

4. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – None.
5. **City Attorney's Report** – City Attorney Moore reported Peter Schultz has submitted a proposal for revision to the cemetery ordinance asking if they want it published in its entirety before the public hearings and the answer was yes. Billy Retterbush and Mayor Richbourg mentioned adding it to the City's website in addition to publishing in the paper and to add a notation on the water bills to refer to the paper and website for review of the information. He also reported on the new business park annexation request that the planning commission did not have a quorum at the last meeting and it was to go before the next planning commission meeting scheduled for April 19th. He also reported on the K & E Solar refinance discussed at the last meeting that he has not received a response from Sea Island Bank and will follow up with them.

6. **Department Head's** – Henry Yawn mentioned inquiries on cargo shipping containers for use as storage sheds. Mayor Richbourg and Billy Retterbush mentioned discussing this in a work session and scheduled a work session at 5:30 on the day of the next scheduled meeting {April 9, 2018}. Jill Wise commended Hannah with the Chamber and the success of the rodeo along with the color run which took place over the previous weekend. Peter Schultz said he called the company in Moultrie again about the gates from the cemetery requesting them to expedite the completion. John Reynolds explained items no longer used needing to be deemed as surplus in order to put them on iron planet for sale which is a 1997 Ford F150, 1998 Ford F150, a mini mag truck and an old sewer machine. Scott Stalnaker made a motion to deem these items as surplus. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richbourg said he spoke with Mike Jacobs and John Hunkele regarding the 2018 CDBG application and the City needs in-kind participation and suggested the current LMIG road paving project that is scheduled and the engineering fees. Antonio Carter made a motion which was seconded by Eric Gaither which passed unanimously. City Attorney Moore mentioned this is the current CDBG application and Antonio Carter withdrew his motion due to conflict of interest. Scott Stalnaker made the motion to make the application viable by the City using the LMIG paving project and the engineering fees as the City's in kind participation. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with Antonio Carter abstaining due to conflict of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cleon Knight commended the work at Westview Cemetery.

Keith Stone asked the status on whether or not Wendy's plans to come to Nashville.

Mayor Richbourg said they do not know one way or the other yet and Mr. Henry Yawn said, from his understanding, it is currently more based on real estate negotiations. Mayor Richbourg said he has it under good authority that O'Reilly's Auto Parts is closer to solidifying their deal than Wendy's. Keith Stone also mentioned the passing of the former Street Superintendent, Tommy Davis.

Cindy Knight inquired of the status of the abandoned house across the street from her expressing her frustration. She said she knows the owner has been to court and it has been going on longer than twelve (12) months. Mayor Richbourg said he understands her frustration but they cannot expedite the court system and she may need to inquire with the court system.

Drew Smith said he has been handling the spray field/hay field for several years and mentioned the bids read and his experience and work with the spray field/hay field. Kyle Pearson expressed his concern on the grease trap issue asking each facility be looked at individually stating his day care should not be compared to a McDonald's or similar industry.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Scott Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Walt Steward 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