

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
April 9, 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, Antonio Carter, Billy Retterbush and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Shaw, Keith Stone, Janet Studstill, Amy & Rick Postell, Ronnie Gaskins

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 – Scott Stalnaker made the motion to adopt the formal agenda. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Clarification on Bids for City Parks and Hay Field/Spray Field – Mayor Richbourg** – Mayor Richbourg explained this was to clarify information on the bids that were opened in the last meeting. The clarification on the Hay Field/Spray Field for a year: Sirmans & Sons - \$40.00 per acre for 200 acres for total of \$8,000; Dillon Nash - \$55.00 per acre for 165 acres for total of \$9,075.00; and Drew Smith total of \$3,386.00. There was a brief discussion of

the requirements to maintain the field per the advertisement for bids. Walt Steward explained although Drew Smith has the lowest bid, he has maintained it for years and is more knowledgeable with the guidelines and requirements. Antonio Carter agreed and said Mr. Smith has done a great job with it. Eric Gaither made a motion to select Drew Smith which was seconded by Antonio Carter. Walt Steward voted yes. Scott Stalnaker voted yes stating Drew dedicated a lot of time and money before he got a payoff out of it and may already have some tied up in it for this year's production and has had a great working relationship with the City. Mellisa Watson and Billy Retterbush voted no. The motion passed four (4) to two (2). Eric Gaither clarified the motion is for 12 months. Walt Steward suggested if it is put out for bid again, it should be during the off season. The clarification on the City Parks: Brad Warren and BLS. Mandy said Brad Warren's bid did include pressure washing of the playground equipment in the parks and the BLS bid listed everything {mowing, weed eating, edging, blowing, trimming and pressure washing} but did not mention pinestraw. She said her concern was the large difference in price of the bids. Mrs. Luke also mentioned she and Peter discussed the City had hired a part time person a couple years ago and she researched that more. She explained the hours and expenses involved and it would be around \$18,000 for up to 29 hours per week. She also mentioned the contract Jill Wise proposed and said they thought this person could do some of the items on that contract and let Mr. Griffin do more of the arborist type work. Mayor Richbourg asked for that contract price and it was \$25,200 for a year. City Attorney Moore mentioned a few details of that contract and said it has not been finalized yet and when the possibility of combining some of the duties with possible temporary/part time help came up, they held up on finalizing the contract. Peter Schultz explained if he had a part time person in his department, that person would mow and take care of parks and when done, would help with other duties. Mrs. Luke said another concern is one requirement of the ad was proof of liability or workman's comp insurance and neither of the bids received included that. Therefore, no bid was awarded and Mrs. Luke explained she and Peter will get together and research the matter further for better comparison.

- 2. 5:30 Work Session on Cargo Containers for Storage – Mayor Richbourg –** Mayor Richbourg explained a work session at 5:30 covering cargo shipping containers and people are using them for storage and/or for residence and the decision was for Mitchell Moore, City Attorney, along with Mr. Henry Yawn, Code Enforcement, to prepare an ordinance before it possibly becomes an issue.

REPORTS

3. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mrs. Luke said she provided them with the bank balance report for March and is beginning work for the next budget. She explained the loan for the waste water treatment plant requires a certain amount in the account above the payment amount and money is transferred each month but occasionally it is necessary to transfer more and at this time she needs to transfer an additional amount of \$100,000 from the water/sewer fund to the sinking fund. Billy Retterbush made a motion to authorize the transfer. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Luke also explained as a result of the release of the Gas Fund CD's (Certificates of Deposit), the balance in the Gas Fund is approximately \$1,000,000 and the balance of the City's loan with G.M.A. is \$66,379 and suggests paying off the loan early. Antonio Carter made a motion authorizing the early payoff. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **City Attorney's Report** – City Attorney Moore said the request for Annexation of the New Industrial Park is scheduled to go before the Planning Commission on April 19th and will then be presented to the Council on April 23rd if there are no complications. Mr. Moore explained receipt of notice of bankruptcy on Bi-Lo which is a business reorganization bankruptcy and mentioned the notice addressed payment of taxes. Mr. Moore also mentioned the matching or in-kind funds discussed at the previous meeting to clarify the LMIG 2017 and 2018 had been combined to get more accomplished and the next one will be 2019.
5. **Department Head's** – John Reynolds said there is approximately 140 commercial radio read meters left and they have done approximately 50. Mr. Henry thanked everyone for the participation in the 5:30 meeting held before the Council meeting. Peter Schultz said he spoke with Statewide on the LMIG project about putting MLK and Short Street on the LMIG 2019 instead of including in the combined 2017/2018 LMIG and use the funds allocated for those on another. The reason being those roads will be dug up with the 2018 CDBG project and it would make more sense to hold off on those two (2) until the CDBG project has been completed. Chief Edwards explained to the Council he will begin giving them a report of department activity quarterly rather than annually and gave the first quarter report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amy and Rick Postell of Haley's Coffee Shop explained the grease trap they have is an under sink grease trap and said they were recently contacted about installing a grease trap. Mrs. Postell explained their business and questioned the requirements. Mayor Richbourg explained John Reynolds, Water and Sewer Superintendent, will be contacting John Hunkele, Engineer, to get a true formula and more specific information in determining what is needed in way of a grease trap. Ronnie Gaskins introduced himself as running for County Commissioner for District Two (2). Bryan Shaw questioned the procedure of rental of the Nashville Community Center.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mellisa Watson said she will be stepping down from her position on the Recreation Board asking if anyone could take her place. Eric Gaither said he will replace her. Billy Retterbush explained as a member of Deep South Authority, we have an opportunity for a \$20,000 grant which has to do with solid waste, garbage, trash and said he forwarded the information to Mandy and Peter to explore possible options. Eric Gaither asked about concrete at the basketball court on the Adel Highway. Peter said he and Mandy would review that. Scott Stalnaker commended Mandy and Mitchell for their work in taking care of the Gas CD's/Certificates of Deposit. Walt Steward brought up an issue of shopping carts people are leaving on the sides of the streets. Mayor Richbourg mentioned the new signs at the parks with the hours of operation and stating Drug Free Zone. He also reminded everyone of the 18th Annual Dogwood Classic Fishing Rodeo taking place May 5th with the Senior Fishing taking place Friday, May 11th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Antonio Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 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