

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
April 23, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Keith Stone

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, Jill Wise, Chief Edwards, Peter Schultz, Henry Yawn

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Stone, Tim Alligood, Larry Osheim, John Black

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Eric Gaither made the motion to adopt the minutes from the previous City Council meeting. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Billy Retterbush made the motion to adopt the minutes from the previous Work Session on Cargo Containers. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Berrien County Industrial Authority Request of Annexation of Berrien County Business Park/5:30 Public Hearing – Henry Yawn** – Mr. Yawn explained the Public Hearing took place regarding the request for annexation of

the new Berrien County Business Park and the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the annexation at their meeting on April 19th. Mayor Richbourg explained it is the new industrial park located on Highway 168/Homerville Highway. Antonio Carter made a motion to approve the annexation. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with Scott Stalnaker abstaining due to his affiliation with the Development Authority Board. Antonio Carter stated he abstained from voting at the meeting of the Planning Commission in order to vote at the Council meeting. Laverne Hall asked about the zoning and Mr. Yawn explained it included a rezoning to Heavy Industrial.

2. **Introduction of Head Football Coach/Tim Alligood and Request for Help with Equipment Purchase – Mayor Richbourg** – Tim Alligood introduced himself as the new head football coach for Berrien High School and gave the Council some background information on himself. He said they are still working on the new stadium, field house and football facilities but expect completion before the home opening game scheduled for August 31st. He explained the need for a new sled and timers for the football team requesting help from the City to cover the expense. Eric Gaither made a motion for City Manager Mandy Luke to check if the funds are available and provide a check to Berrien High School for these items if available. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

3. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mrs. Luke said the auditors filed a six month extension for the FY2017 audit and she is expecting them at the end of this week or first of next week. She also mentioned the repairs needed at the basketball court at the park on the Adel Highway. She said Peter has three local estimates on doing this and asked whether the Council wants to put it out for bid or if they want her and Peter to review the local estimates and make the decision. The Council recommended she and Peter review the estimates and make the decision since it is under the City Manager's limit. Mrs. Luke mentioned the bids for maintenance at the City parks previously discussed and the proposed contract from Stacey Griffin submitted by Jill Wise. She said they are awaiting updated figures from Stacy Griffin due to revisions on the proposed contract to make a decision whether to hire part time personnel for mowing, watering and pressure washing and just have Mr. Griffin take care of

the trees, plants and shrubbery. She said she hopes to have that information soon in order to update them on that item and she also mentioned neither of the bids that were submitted qualified because they did not provide all the requested information. Mrs. Luke reported she received a letter from the County that they were no longer going to use the City field and were turning it back over to the City. She said they removed the bases and equipment asking what the Council has in mind of how to use the field and if they want the City to purchase all the equipment to go back out there and begin renting the field out. The Mayor and Council suggested a work session at 5:30 before the next scheduled City Council Meeting {05/14/2018} to discuss the use of the City Park/Ball Field.

4. **City Attorney's Report** – None.

5. **Department Head's** – Jill Wise reminded everyone of the fishing rodeo on May 5th. She also mentioned some tiles for Hannah's Hope Park were recently damaged as a result of the wood shelf which had rotted and Peter was helping to take care of that. Peter Schultz reported they replaced some sidewalks on Davis Street and College Street. Chief Edwards provided the Mayor and Council with his Uniform Crime Data Report for the first quarter and also mentioned the two new cadets were about to begin week four at the Academy. Henry Yawn said he distributed leaflets in the target area for the CHIP grant at the request of Roy Guy with the Regional Commission and Mayor Richbourg briefly discussed the CHIP {Community Home Investment Program} grant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Black asked about vaults in City Cemeteries. Henry Yawn said the ordinance does not pertain to how to secure vaults and he contacted someone who was to get with him. Mr. Black asked about the drainage at Decatur and MLK {property that belongs to the railroad company and not the City}. Peter Schultz said he called the 800 number for the railroad company and they were to have someone look at it. Mayor Richbourg said the former Mayor, Travis Harper, may have the direct number and asked him to get that number to try to make contact with them about it. Larry Osheim explained an event taking place on the Otranto Monument and Memorial to take place in October. He also mentioned the Miss Patriot 2018 that will soon take place. Someone asked about "Children at Play" and Mayor Richbourg instructed her to get with Chief Edwards and Peter Schultz.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

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.

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