

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
JUNE 25, 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 and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Studstill, Julie Griffin, Bart Holt, Lavonne Shaw

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Eric Gaither made the motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA – Billy Retterbush made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the addition of Perkins Subdivision Project. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **5:30 Public Hearing/Adoption of New Cemetery Ordinance** – **Mayor Michael Richbourg/ City Attorney Moore** – Mayor Richbourg and City Attorney Moore explained the Public Hearing took place prior to the Council Meeting regarding adoption of a comprehensive amendment to the current cemetery ordinance. There will be another Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. prior to the next Council Meeting on July 9, 2018.

2. **Fairway Outdoor Advertising/Digital Billboards – Julie Griffin/Bart Holt –** Mr. Holt explained the digital billboard Fairway Outdoor Advertising is looking to put in Nashville and explaining they like to partner with communities on the uses of the billboard and described the brightness of the billboard.

3. **Perkins Subdivision Project – Mayor Michael Richbourg –** Mayor Richbourg mentioned a fire at one of the houses on Beetree in the old Perkins Subdivision on Friday night and asked City Attorney Moore the status of putting the property back out for bids. Attorney Moore said he had emailed Mr. Hunkele on this regarding a pre-bid conference. Mitchell Moore mentioned possibility of application of House Bill 489 to this project. House Bill 489 requires any bid or proposal by a county, municipal corporation or local board of education for goods and services valued at \$10,000 or more and any bid or proposal opportunity extended for public works subject to Chapter 91 of Title 36 of O.C.G.A. be posted on Georgia Procurement Registry (GPR). Alderman Retterbush also inquired whether State Bill 397 regarding listing property with a realtor applied. Mayor Richbourg discussed the need to move forward on advertisement of bids to enable completion of the project or move forward with demolition and sell the vacant property. City Attorney Moore advised the Council the individual who was previously awarded the project had to proceed and was therefore his contract was terminated and he had acknowledged to Attorney Moore the project was more involved than he had anticipated. Moore further explained while we are anxious to get this project underway, we need to implement a more comprehensive RFP package and advertisement which will include a mandatory pre-bid conference which is what he is discussing with Mr. Hunkele to ensure the bids are responsive and qualify. Mayor Richbourg and Chief Edwards mentioned the fire is under investigation for arson. Mayor Richbourg mentioned how long this has been an issue and a time line needs to be set on the bid process. City Attorney Moore explained they are looking toward August as the deadline for proposals and asked once received, when the proposals will be opened. Mayor Richbourg suggested having the City Manager open them after the cut-off time to report the information to the Council. Mayor Richbourg again expressed the need to resolve this issue due to the continued length of time involved. Scott Stalnaker made a motion that if substantial progress is not made within 120 days of the bid closing, it reverts back to the City for the City to move forward with demolition and then sell the vacant land. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Moore advised since the 120-day time line was being imposed for substantial progress on the project, the RFP would have to be revised to include this condition.

REPORTS

4. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mrs. Luke said a date and time needs to be set for the budget workshop. They decided to have the budget workshop on Monday, July 9th, at 5:00 prior to the Public Hearing and Council Meeting on the same day.
5. **City Attorney's Report** – Mr. Moore reported the Bi-Lo payment had been received.
6. **Department Head's** – John Reynolds said Thrift Brothers continue to make progress [2016 CDBG Project] on the water, sewer and drainage project currently working from South Berrien to Bartow. Henry Yawn reported nuisance letters going out as a result of grass not being mowed. Mayor Richbourg briefly discussed a prior situation and while it can be time consuming, the process does work. Jill Wise reported planters down town and at the parks are being replanted. Peter Schultz brought up the basketball court they were looking to redo and he had spoken with the City Manager and Jimmy Parker, County Commissioner, about another option using the existing concrete slab located near the Y.E.S. center and the County agreed to let the City use the slab with an intergovernmental agreement if the City will maintain the grass. Chief Edwards asked about posting “No Trespassing” signs at the Perkins Subdivision. He also reported he spoke with Georgia State Patrol for assistance with traffic at the 4th of July events and they agreed to have a couple close by to respond if needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lavonne Shaw gave Mr. Henry Yawn a petition for speed bumps on East Avera Avenue.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Billy Retterbush asked the progress of the receptacles with the Deep South Grant. Mrs. Luke explained she and Peter are currently working on this.

Walt Steward said he will be out of the country for the next five (5) to six (6) months and is working on setting up an I-Pad for electronic attendance of some of the meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Scott Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Michael Richbourg

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderman Mellisa Watson

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Walter Steward

ATTEST:

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk