

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
JULY 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 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, Larry Osheim, Rodrick Smith, Kimberly Wood

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Billy Retterbush made the motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meetings. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA – Mellisa Watson made the motion to adopt the formal agenda. Eric Gaither 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. Also, the first reading of the Amendment to the Cemetery Ordinance took place.

2. **Resolution No. R-03-18/Annexation of Berrien Business Park – City Attorney Mitchell Moore** – Mr. Moore briefly explained the details of the Annexation application by the Berrien County Development Authority in April, 2018 and the formalization of the Resolution for the approval of the Annexation of Berrien Business Park which took place in April, 2018. Billy Retterbush made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with Scott Stalnaker abstaining due to his affiliation with the Berrien County Development Authority Board.

REPORTS

3. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mrs. Luke mentioned the Budget Workshop that took place prior to the Council meeting. The Public Hearing for the budget will take place on July 16th at 5:30 and the budget will then be adopted at the Council meeting on July 23rd. She also mentioned the City's payroll currently takes places weekly and she would like to look at going to every other week with direct deposit to save time and expense. She also briefly explained the current vacation leave policy and that she would like to look at letting employees who have been with the City for several years to be allowed to cash out more than forty (40) hours of vacation leave.
4. **City Attorney's Report** – Mr. Moore reported on the NURA project that he has been working with John Hunkele and they have revised the RFP to address progress to take place within ninety (90) days from the time the bid is awarded and the pre-bid meeting to open the bids will take place August 20th at 2:00. Mr. Moore also mentioned AC Blount's progress on the Dogwood sidewalk project.
5. **Department Head's** – John Reynolds reported the contract for the Hayfield has been signed; he expects to see John Hunkele with more specifics on grease traps this week; Thrift Brothers continue to make progress on the [2016 CDBG Project] water, sewer and drainage project; and, the progress on the meter replacement project is still progressing slowly. Henry Yawn said the digital sign discussed at the last meeting is going to be over the allowed set back and the Mayor and Council asked him to get with the DOT since it is a State highway. Peter Schultz reported the progress on the storm drainage on Dogwood. Chief Edwards reported a list has been created and given to Peter of missing street signs, as requested. Chief Edwards also reported they received an excellent report from the GBI on the audit on the criminal justice information systems compliance. He also relayed a message that Mr. and Mrs. Timmy

Jernigan's son will receive the Eagle Scout award on August 4th at the Methodist Church and they have extended an invitation. Chief Edwards reported he will be unable to attend the July 23rd Council meeting due to Chiefs' annual training.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Osheim reminded everyone of the Otranto Monument and Memorial event taking place October 6, 2018 and briefly discussed the event. Rodrick Smith asked about the delay of the resurfacing on MLK Jr and they explained the delay is due to the CDBG water, sewer and drainage project and it will be done after that is complete. Mr. Smith also asked about more power outlets and more water access at Beetree Park and Mayor Richbourg asked Peter and John to look into it. Kimberly Wood asked about the variance on a couple of houses they have that are in such bad shape, they need to be torn down and rebuilt. The Mayor and Council advised she would need to go before the planning commission first and then if they approve it, it would then be presented to the Council for approval. Janet Studstill reminded everyone of a TSPLOST meeting taking place at the Community Center at 1:00 on Tuesday, July 10th.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Mayor and Council complimented the fireworks on 4th of July. Mr. Retterbush said he had been contacted by Scott and Donna King about the slope on their driveway entrance from the Dogwood sidewalk project and asked Peter if they could take a look at it to see if anything could be done about it.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Scott Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Billy Retterbush 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