

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
JULY 23, 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 Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter, Billy Retterbush, {Walt Steward – via phone/face time} and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

STAFF PRESENT: Mandy Luke, Jackie Jordan, Jill Wise, John Reynolds, Peter Schultz, Henry Yawn, Mitchell Moore, Ronald Knowles, Timmy Jernigan

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Shaw, Rodrick Smith

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

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA – Billy Retterbush made the motion to adopt the formal agenda including a Tire Abatement Program with Item 2-City Wide Cleanup. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **FY 2019 Budget Adoption – Mandy Luke, City Manager** – Mrs. Luke provided copies and explained the budget of \$3,294,916 for the General Fund, \$1,545,375 for Water/Sewer Fund, \$1,361,254 for the Gas Fund, \$230,000 for the SPLOST Fund and \$12,000 for the Hotel/Motel Fund. She explained the proper advertisement was done and the public hearing was held, with no one in attendance. Billy Retterbush made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2018-2019

budget and Resolution. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Citywide Cleanup and Tire Abatement Program – Mayor Michael Richbourg and Alderman Retterbush** – Mayor Richbourg explained general complaints of the state of disrepair of the City. He said he brought a van for himself, the Council and department heads to look at some things after the meeting so they can decide how to address the issues. He also briefly spoke about using the detention center inmates in the past to help with cleanup. Billy Retterbush briefly explained a tire abatement program discussed at the last Deep South Solid Waste meeting he attended. He explained the County and City could go together to bring in a tractor trailer in for individuals to dispose of old tires and the fees would be discounted through a grant.
3. **Resolution No. R-04-18/Cemetery Ordinance – Mitchell Moore, City Attorney** – Mr. Moore provided and briefly explained the Resolution addressing the new Cemetery Ordinance. Eric made a motion to adopt the Resolution #R-04-18. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

4. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mrs. Luke provided and explained the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the County for the City to utilize and maintain the property on Exum Street, where the skate park used to be, to be used for basketball goals. She said the County has already executed it and the City Attorney has already approved it.
5. **City Attorney's Report** – City Attorney Moore explained the new Cemetery Ordinance again as previously discussed at several prior meetings and executed the official First Reading of the new Cemetery Ordinance. He also discussed new verbiage to be included in all new deeds for gravesites. Mr. Moore mentioned the subject of uninhabitable areas, nuisance properties, and derelict/blighted properties that he and Mr. Henry Yawn, Code Enforcement Officer, are reviewing, in addition to briefly discussing the general process. Mr. Moore updated the group on the Nashville Urban Redevelopment Agency advertisement requesting sealed bid proposals on the Perkins Subdivision with a pre-bid conference taking place at 10:00 a.m. on August 17, 2018 and a due date of September 24, 2018 on the sealed bids. He also mentioned information

he received from Kimberly Hobbs on further advertisement or solicitation options.

6. **Department Head's** – John Reynolds provided prices and information for a backhoe/mini excavator of which Nashville Tractor was the better price and deal with warranty. Antonio Carter made a motion for purchase from Nashville Tractor, lowest bidder. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Jill Wise reminded everyone of the Harvest Festival taking place September 29, 2018. She also explained the video series the Mainstreet and Chamber have worked on together which has been very successful and will take the place of summer events done last year that were not well attended. She also mentioned discussion with Stacey Griffin about the trees around the square needing to be replaced and he is working on this along with the planters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rodrick Smith asked about water and power at the Beetree Park discussed at the last meeting. Mayor Richbourg explained it is on the list of things to be done and will be done as soon as they can but everything is running behind right now.

Bryan Shaw asked Jill about the trees around the square which has been addressed with Mr. Griffin. He also asked about the weeds around the squares/tiles.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mellisa Watson said she will soon have a Snow Biz Shack with a “beach” area at Watson’s Pools. She said she had to work with Bryan Shaw and explained how helpful Bryan was and how easy the process was.

Antonio Carter mentioned the auto garage located behind Harvey’s with cars in the way. Henry Yawn said it has been addressed and they have been visited by the police department several times. Captain Ronald Knowles said they will soon be going to court on the issue.

Eric Gaither asked about a couch on Jackson Street. Henry Yawn said a ticket will be issued if not removed in three (3) days.

Mayor Richbourg briefly explained the TSPLOST that recently passed for eighteen (18) counties of which we are one of the municipalities and it has been renamed to Transportation Investment Act. Mayor Richbourg also mentioned receipt of the guidelines for grease traps/grease interceptors prepared by Coastal Engineering

Consultants which will be on the next Agenda and will be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Billy Retterbush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Eric Gaither 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