

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
FEBRUARY 11, 2019
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, Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter, Billy Retterbush and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Shaw, Donna Herrin, Janet Studstill

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 – Antonio Carter made the motion to adopt the formal agenda. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

1. **1st Reading – Amendment to Historic Preservation Ordinance – Mitchell Moore, Attorney** – Attorney Moore explained the modification to eliminate the term limitation of a commissioner’s term to two (2) consecutive terms. Additionally, the ordinance will be modified that commissioners’ terms will renew automatically unless the commissioner gives notice of resignation or the Mayor and Council elect not to renew the term, each with a notice of sixty (60) days.

2. **Resolution – Mobile Food Vendor Fees – Mitchell Moore, Attorney** – Mr. Moore explained the new ordinance for mobile food vendors calls for fees to be set by Resolution. He explained the Resolution calls for an annual fee of \$150 and questioned the Mayor and Council about prorating the fee. After brief discussion, the Mayor and Council agreed the fee may be prorated but not less than \$50 per year. Billy Retterbush made a motion to adopt and approve the Resolution. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
3. **Resolution – Cargo Container Fees – Mitchell Moore, Attorney** – Mr. Moore explained the new ordinance for cargo containers calls for fees to be set by Resolution and the fee would be \$100 for each six (6) months. Antonio Carter made a motion to adopt and approve the Resolution. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

4. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mrs. Luke said she received only one bid for the Hay Field Spray Field which is from Quality Hay LLC for \$11,253. She said the solicitation for bids said they have to provide proof of general liability and workman comp insurance but proof was not included with the bid. The bidder was in attendance and said he could provide proof of insurance. Antonio Carter made a motion to accept the bid if proof of insurance is provided. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Eric Gaither asked Mrs. Luke the status of the D.O.T. sign off for the sidewalk project. Peter Schultz said D.O.T. has not done the final inspection yet.
5. **City Attorney's Report** – Attorney Moore explained he is working on the noise ordinance but there is no model and is considering possibly modifying the current nuisance ordinance pertaining to excessive noise and odors and such with specifications regarding decibel time and hours. The Mayor and Council briefly discussed establishing the limit of noise by decibel level and time limits. Also, the deadline for bids for demolition of the Perkins Subdivision was mentioned, which was moved from February 22nd to February 25th.
6. **Department Head's** – John Reynolds said they have received a shipment of meters. Jill Wise reminded everyone of the Chili cook-off on February 23rd at Connie's Children's Park. Peter Schultz said they have been working on storm

drains and storm vaults. Mayor Richbourg said he noticed the signs had been put up denoting intersection for golf cart crossings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Herrin, 300 block of East Washington, complained of deplorable conditions in her neighborhood stating people were living in houses without electricity and water and they were burning their trash in the back yard further explaining safety concerns. She described these people as squatters stating the land owners should be held responsible and urged the Mayor and Council to do something. Mayor Richbourg asked the City Manager to give the addresses to Henry Yawn to address the issues. Bryan Shaw asked the status of the new Code Enforcement Officer. Chief Edwards explained a Code Enforcement Officer would be assigned as soon as two officers complete attendance at the Police Academy to become active officers with the Police Department. Mr. Shaw also complained about a washing machine and mattress that remains at the curb of the apartments next to his home.

Janet Studstill asked if Alderman Steward would resume the role of Mayor Pro-Tem now that he is back. Mayor Richbourg said Alderman Stalnaker would continue the role as Mayor Pro-Tem until the next election in November.

After Council Comments, Janet Studstill asked the status of Memorial Park and Mayor Richbourg explained they are still in discussion with the County that the County is interested.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mellisa Watson said she has a list of streets people are complaining about which she will give to the City Manager after the meeting to provide to Henry Yawn. She also asked John Reynolds the status of installation of grease traps at The Brown Bag and the Shell Station. Mr. Reynolds said he has been in contact with them and will visit them again and said Mr. Henry has sent a ten day letter to The Brown Bag to have a contract in place.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Antonio Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 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