

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
JUNE 10, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Henry Yawn

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, Antonio Carter, Billy Retterbush and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Shaw, Janet Studstill

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 – Mayor Michael Richbourg asked to amend the Agenda by adding Lights in the Industrial Park. Mellisa Watson made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the addition. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. After presentation of item 1, Mayor Richbourg asked to revise the Agenda to have Lights in the Industrial Park as Item #2, Public Comments following Item #2, Executive Session following Public Comments and then continue with the other reports following Executive Session. Antonio Carter made the motion to revise the Agenda. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Bike Rack at Anytime Fitness – Bryan Shaw, Nashville Historic Preservation Commission** – Mr. Shaw presented a request from Anytime

Fitness for three (3) bike racks, which have been approved by the Commission, to be placed in a spot in front of Anytime Fitness next to the pedestrian walkway which is regularly used as a parking spot although it is not a designated parking spot. Mellisa Watson made a motion to approve the bike racks in the spot as requested. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion. Scott Stalnaker asked about putting the bike racks in the alley next to Anytime Fitness instead of in front of Anytime Fitness since parking is already limited. Mr. Shaw explained the proposed spot would better allow pedestrians to view traffic flow before entering the walkway and Anytime Fitness wants the racks in front of the building so they can be seen from inside the building. After a brief discussion, Eric Gaither voted yes. Antonio Carter voted yes. Scott Stalnaker said he would prefer to review it before approval and voted no. The motion passed four to one.

2. **Lights in Industrial Park – Mayor Michael Richbourg** – Mayor Richbourg explained the County has purchased four lights and light poles for the Industrial Park and since the Industrial Park has been annexed into the City, they are asking if the City will pay for the electricity usage. After a brief discussion, Mellisa Watson made a motion to approve the request. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

3. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mrs. Luke said Roy Guy with Southern Georgia Regional Commission explained there is a delay in Atlanta for the drawdown funds from the CHIP grant and the contractors need payment for completion of two houses. She said she thinks one is approximately \$69,000 and the other is approximately \$68,000 and Mr. Guy asked if the City could front at least a partial payment until the drawdown has been processed so the contractor could pay some of the bills. She said she is comfortable paying \$40,000 until reimbursement with the Council's approval. Antonio Carter made a motion for approval of a \$40,000 payment. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **City Attorney's Report** – Attorney Moore reported he heard from Mr. Godwin with Southern Georgia Regional Commission regarding the bike plan presented May 13th and he is looking to finalize the bike plan by the end of July. Janet Studstill mentioned Bonnie Hand had spoken with her about the bike plan stating she is an avid bicyclist and would like to offer input on the plan.

5. **Department Head's** – Henry Yawn reported Bank of Alapaha and the Auto parts store is continuing with construction and remodeling projects. Jill Wise reported Southern Landmark's opening. Peter Schultz reported continued work on storm drains and replacement of storm drains under the railroad tracks. He also reported the new littering signs were put up on Ray City Highway, North Mathis Street, Old Coffee Road, Tifton Highway, Adel Highway and Alapaha Highway. Mellisa Watson asked about a patch in the road on Smith Avenue. Peter said they cannot do anything permanent yet because they are still monitoring a pipe underneath it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carolyn Bailey, Sherrod Avenue, presented a picture of the backyard of the residence next door to her explaining it is a rental house and has been a constant problem with trash in the yard and the lawn not mowed. Henry Yawn said there has been two court cases on it and further explained he spoke with Chief Edwards and if it is in the same condition in the morning, a citation will be issued.

Marvine Mathis lives in the County but has a rental mobile home located in the trailer park near Nashville Mills and questioned the fees on the water bill. Mayor Richbourg asked her to get with Mrs. Luke at City Hall the next day and let her review it and address her questions.

Randal Milton, Avera Avenue, complained about the number of vehicles and appearance of the business at the corner of Anderson Road and McPherson Avenue. Mayor Richbourg asked Henry Yawn to check on it.

Brenda Thomas, MLK Jr. Drive, said she had received notification that her yard debris pile was under power lines and could not be picked up. She said it is not hers and thinks it belongs to her neighbor and asked about it getting picked up. Mayor Richbourg asked Peter Schultz to get the information from Mrs. Thomas and make contact with them.

At 6:28 p.m., Eric Gaither made a motion to go into Executive Session. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:28 P.M. – 6:42 P.M.

At 6:42 p.m., Scott Stalnaker made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mellisa Watson mentioned the Fire Department working on Fourth of July events. Billy Retterbush commended the Water department mentioning a compliment he received for them.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Billy Retterbush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Mellisa Watson 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