

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
AUGUST 26, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Elder Sam Thomas

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, Billy Retterbush, Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

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

OTHERS: Terry Danforth

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Antonio Carter 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 – Antonio Carter made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the addition of item #4-Full Time Code Enforcement requested by Mayor Richbourg. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Side Arm Mower Bids – Peter Schultz, Gas/Public Works Superintendent –**
It was mentioned at the last Council meeting the side arm mower needs to be replaced since parts for it are no longer available and Mayor Richbourg described the bids received. One bid is from Ag-Pro/John Deere for \$33,529.99 and the other bid is from Nashville Tractor for \$16,500.00, which has a thicker frame, a heavier boom and a one-year warranty. Antonio Carter made a motion

to purchase the side arm mower from Nashville Tractor. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Ratification/New Pump and Pipe for Water Tower on Middle School Circle – John Reynolds, Water/Sewer Superintendent** – Mr. Reynolds explained the pump at the water tower on Middle School Circle was installed in 1971 and was redone in 1995. He said they were going to repair it but it was falling apart and must be replaced. He said Woodrow Sapp out of Brunswick pulled it for \$4,500 and for them to replace everything would be \$38,000 for a total of \$42,500. He said Donald Smith out of Alabama would be \$52,000 and Bishop Well and Pump would be \$53,000. Mayor Richbourg said the Council had already been polled and chose Woodrow Sapp. Eric Gaither made a motion to ratify the decision to go with Woodrow Sapp. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
3. **Our Place Hotel/Terry Danforth – Approval for Windows at Hannah’s Hope Park – Mayor Michael Richbourg** – Terry Danforth, owner of Our Place Hotel, said they are remodeling the building between them and Hannah’s Hope Park and need to install windows due to State fire escape regulations. He said the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) was approved by the Historical Preservation Committee and they need approval from the City to install the windows in the wall at Hannah’s Hope Park since it belongs to the City. Bryan Shaw said they spoke with the family whose family member the park is named after and they understand. Mr. Shaw asked about lighting on the outside of the windows and Mr. Danforth said they will have an electrician look at it but that would be addressed at another meeting. Mellisa Watson asked about the tiles that were installed on the wall at the Park and was told the windows would be on the opposite wall. Scott Stalnaker made a motion approving the installation of the windows. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **Full Time Code Enforcement – Mayor Michael Richbourg** – Mayor Richbourg explained the certified officer that had been intended for the position of a full-time code enforcement officer is leaving Nashville Police Department and they will need to advertise for the position unless someone else on the force that wants the position. He further explained they previously voted to hire full-time code enforcement so Mrs. Luke will need to advertise for the position now and asked if they needed a motion. Attorney Mitchell Moore said that would not be necessary since they already voted to hire someone.

REPORTS

5. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mrs. Luke reported the FY2018 audit has been completed and submitted to the State. She said the auditors are putting the books together now and will present it at one of the next Council meetings.
6. **City Attorney's Report** – Attorney Mitchell Moore reported on the NURA project that proposals have been sent to John Hunkele and they should soon be ready to advertise and solicit for bids. Attorney Moore also reported contact with City of Tifton to obtain the CD's securing the gas line project as the City is down to the last payment.
7. **Department Head's** – John Reynolds reported he spoke with John Hunkele, of Coastal Engineering, again regarding the Water/Sewer CDBG grant (East side of Nashville) and a certain amount of the paperwork for this project has to be done in order to apply for 2020 CDBG and we should be fine where that is concerned. He also said Mr. Hunkele is helping him to look for financial options for another water well which is near the other one being replaced and is the same age as that one. He also reported a site visit from EPD at the waste water treatment plant which went very well. Henry Yawn reported approval from the Historic Preservation Commission for work that will soon commence on Arch Clark's building on Marion Avenue. Jill Wise reported sales at the Farmers Market for July 2019 were \$4,835.71 as compared to \$2,898.69 in July 2018 and commended Nancy Pesce on her efforts at the Farmers Market. Miss Wise also commended the youth group from the Baptist Church, Flat Creek and the Bridge as suggested by Miss Watson for painting tables for them at the Farmers Market. Miss Wise said she will be at a DCA conference at Jekyll Island this week, Tuesday through Thursday. She reported the Main Street is working with Georgia Rural Center on rebranding the City of Nashville and the project should take approximately a year with community input from local focus groups. Peter Schultz reported receipt of contract from Statewide Engineering for the 2019 LMIG which is out for bids with a bid opening on September 5, 2019 and they are preparing for the 2020 LMIG application. Mayor Richbourg asked if we knew the amount received from TIA and mentioned it can be used for matching funds on the LMIG participation, which decreased from 20% to 10%, and briefly discussed the funds and street paving.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mellisa Watson asked about the ladder truck for the Fire Department previously mentioned. Mrs. Luke explained they are holding off on it for now because it was not included in the budget and they are working on several things regarding the impending ISO visit so it may not affect us at this time. Scott Stalnaker mentioned they are looking at several alternatives. Miss Watson mentioned the youth group, which Jill Wise spoke of earlier, stating they are interested in other projects and to let her know of anything they might help with. Regarding the recent Cemetery issues, she mentioned an idea of an area with benches and trees at the Cemetery on City property for the public to use. The Council agreed it was a good idea and Mayor Richbourg asked Peter Schultz to price some granite benches. She also commended Peter Schultz and relayed Arch Clark's appreciation for some work recently done. She also commended the Police Department for their response to an issue with the alarm at her store. Scott Stalnaker thanked Terry Danforth and Bryan Shaw for their work and research on the hotel renovations. He commended Mr. Danforth on his business stating the Hotel Motel Tax Fund increased with his current hotel and anticipates the addition to increase it even more.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Billy Retterbush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Antonio Carter 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