

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
SEPTEMBER 9, 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, 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: Emma Manning, Dean Roach, Taylor Scarbrough, Donna Kent

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 – Antonio Carter made the motion to adopt the formal agenda. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. 2019 LMIG Bid Totals and Awarding – Peter Schultz, Gas/Public Works Superintendent** – Mayor Richbourg provided the information from the 2019 LMIG bid opening on September 5th. The bids received are East Coast Asphalt \$70,828.20, H & H Paving \$78,703.00, Reames and Son Construction Company \$78,859.00 and The Scruggs Company \$94,978.75. Peter Schultz said East Coast Asphalt had previously done LMIG work for the City and Attorney Moore said East Coast Asphalt is the recommendation by Statewide

Engineering. Scott Stalnaker made a motion for the lowest bidder, East Coast Asphalt. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

2. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mrs. Luke submitted two (2) contracts from Statewide for the LMIG project. Scott Stalnaker made a motion for Mayor Richbourg to execute the contracts. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Luke submitted reports provided by Mike Sirmans of the FY2018 audit for their review and if they wish, he will return for further explanation.
3. **City Attorney's Report** – Attorney Mitchell Moore reported that he had contacted Tifton's City Attorney and he had tentatively agreed to the release of \$130,000 of the Gas CD's and anticipated the Tifton City Attorney would present a Resolution approving the release of the \$130,000 at the September 16th Council meeting and the release of the remaining balance will take place upon the final payment of \$47,320 next August or September. Mr. Moore said he was in attendance at the LMIG bid opening on September 5th. He said it came in under budget and Statewide will prepare the package and submit it. Mr. Moore reported correspondence with Mr. Hunkele on the NURA. The advertisement will run sixty (60) to ninety (90) days, which is more than legal requirements, and mentioned efforts to re-coop as much of the expense as possible from the demolition. Mr. Moore reported a pending litigation claim regarding 2017 and 2018 services that were not rendered on a water tank. Mr. Moore also mentioned an issue regarding a sovereign citizen false claim stating a false claim is a felony.
4. **Department Head's** – Jill Wise reported sales for the Farmers Market for August 2018 were \$3,067.47 and August 2019 were \$6,027.79. She mentioned meeting a couple visiting from Tampa, Florida at the Farmers Market recently and they picked Nashville as a result of looking for an Airbnb, which is a huge marketing tool for down-town Nashville, and Southern Landmark is working on three (3) Airbnb's at this time. She said the Harvest Festival is on September 28th and the T-shirts this year are being designed by Emily Paulk, a talented artist who just had a double lung transplant, and all proceeds from the T-shirt

sales will go to her medical expenses. She also reminded everyone of the lip sync battle on Friday, September 27th. Chief Edwards reported he has two (2) candidates for the Police Academy which starts October 4th with graduation on December 20th. He also reported he has been approached about signs placed in right of ways which is covered under City ordinance and State law. He explained according to State law, it shall be unlawful for any person to erect, place or maintain within the dedicated right of way of any public road; officials having jurisdiction of the public road affected may remove or direct the removal of same; each sign erected, placed or maintained in violation shall constitute a separate offense; and, any person who violates the code shall be punished the same as for littering, which is punishable up to a \$500 fine. He explained according to City ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person or entity to erect, locate or maintain any political sign on any property or right of way of the City and any person who fails to comply with this section shall be deemed guilty of a municipal offense and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as for other violations of the municipal code. He further explained the right of way distance varies from street to street as measured from the center of the roadway but a good guide or gauge is the power poles and anything from the power poles to the roadway is considered right of way. It was also mentioned DOT picks up signs in the State right of way.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Emma Manning, East Avera Avenue expressed grievances regarding high water bills as a result of a leak. John Reynolds said it was reported to her early on that there appeared to be a leak and helped her determine the leak was under the house and the water did not go through the City's sewer system so April Copeland adjusted sewer charges on two bills which was explained. She said the leak has been fixed. The Mayor and Council instructed her to see April to set up a payment arrangement on the outstanding balance.

Dean Roach, Alapaha Highway, questioned the Mayor and Council about his concrete bench being picked up from the Cemetery stating if they are going to pick up one, they should pick up all of them. Mayor Richbourg explained the guidelines allow for granite or marble benches only because wood and concrete benches deteriorate causing other problems and they are in the process of enforcing this.

Taylor Scarbrough asked for further explanation regarding political signs in the right of way and Chief Edwards said they would contact him if there was a problem before

issuance of any citations. It was also mentioned if any signs are picked up by DOT, they would probably be located at their barn on Anderson Road. Donna Kent asked about a couch placed by the road at the corner of Bullock and Bullard. Henry Yawn said he would check on it.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Eric Gaither made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 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