

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
SEPTEMBER 23, 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, Walt Steward (via FaceTime) and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

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

OTHERS: Bryan Shaw

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 – Antonio Carter made the motion to adopt the formal agenda. Mellisa Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Adoption of Tax Millage Rate (9.50 mills) – Mandy Luke, City Manager** – Mrs. Luke presented the Resolution to adopt the tax millage rate at 9.50 mills for the 2019 property taxes. Antonio Carter made a motion approving the Resolution to adopt the 2019 tax millage rate at 9.50 mills. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion. Mellisa Watson, Billy Retterbush and Walt Steward (via FaceTime) voted yes. Eric Gaither voted no. The motion passed five (5) to one

(1). Mrs. Luke stated the bills should go in the mail October 20th and will be due December 20th.

REPORTS

2. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – None.
3. **City Attorney's Report** – Attorney Mitchell Moore reported all the documents have been submitted to Bank of Alapaha regarding the release of \$130,000 of the Gas CD's explaining the release of the remaining balance will take place upon the final payment of approximately \$47,320 next August or September. Mr. Moore said he was contacted by Statewide Engineering about an IGA between the City and the Berrien County Development Authority regarding participation in improvements of the entryway into the business park for deceleration lanes. He explained one of the deceleration lanes involves wetlands and quick response funds thru G-DOT cannot be used on that but there are discretionary funds available through G-DOT referred to as EPD funds for emergencies, education and economic development. He further explained participation of the City will not be required after submitting information on the annexation and the new map to the engineer. He also mentioned this would not have affected the City's LMIG funding. Mr. Moore reported on the BiLo lease agreement negotiation. He briefly explained the items in the lease agreement and previous repayment under the bankruptcy reorganization plan. He said they have requested the City provide an annual carpet cleaning, up to a cost of \$375, relocation of the ice machine to the bottom floor and pest control. Mayor Richbourg suggested using a local pest control if the City agrees to that and it was explained the service is currently through Astro Pest Control, formerly Lott's Pest Control. Scott Stalnaker made a motion to approve the request for these items. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Moore also mentioned the Studstill Firm will address the Council in the very near future regarding details and options of the opioid litigation. Mr. Moore also mentioned the NURA request for bids is near completion.
4. **Department Head's** – Jill Wise reminded everyone of the Harvest Festival this weekend (Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 28th and the lip sync battle on Friday, September 27th) stating all vendor spots are full. John Reynolds reported replacement of water lines on Washington where the streets are to be repaved and repaving will begin this week near the post office. Mayor Richbourg mentioned the one-way barriers at the post office need attention.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bryan Shaw mentioned a panel and a kick-plate on the BiLo building that is loose. Mr. Shaw also mentioned he has rented the Community Center this weekend and asked about the microphone for the sound system and the City Manager asked him to call the front office.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Billy Retterbush asked about the piping with the water tower and pump discussed at a previous meeting. John Reynolds said one has been completed and they will soon have the other one done. He mentioned the one that has been completed is pumping 1200 gallons per minute versus the original 1000 gallons per minute.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Billy Retterbush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Scott Stalnaker 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