

**WORK SESSION
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
FEBRUARY 18, 2015
5:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Travis Harper, Antonio Carter, Eric Gaither, and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

STAFF PRESENT: Mandy Luke, Jackie Jordan, Peter Schultz, Chief Edwards, Dawn Morrison and Mitchell Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Crissy Staley, Dick Perryman.

Incentive Plan - Crissy Staley presented a draft for a Resolution of the Berrien County Development Authority to Adopt an Economic Opportunity and Incentive Scale for Economic Promotion and Development within Berrien County. Crissy said this will be a general offer when she is contacted through the Chamber or Development Authority by prospects looking to possibly bring business to Nashville. She further stated this would reduce the lengthy time it takes for her to get information to a prospect without having to first contact City of Nashville, Berrien County and the School Board. She further stated this is nothing set in stone and a meeting between the governmental agencies taking more specific information into account would take place before any final offer would be made. She expressed the importance of getting information to a prospect quickly because any prospect contacting her would also be contacting other areas as well. She further stated this is just a draft and the final copy would include much more than these four pages including input from the City and the Council. Eric Gaither said he thinks it is a good idea. She also mentioned the Economic Summit at Chaparral on March 10, 2015 asking everyone to attend if possible.

Local Business – The Blue Swan – Mayor Harper said he did not know how to contact Mrs. Price but left a message with Sara with Victims’ Assistance letting them know about the meeting tonight. Since Scott Stalnaker had spoken with some others concerning this issue and is not here yet, the Mayor asked to move this to later in the meeting.

Nashville Community Center- Mandy Luke stated she and Peter Schultz are working on getting bids for a new roof and will need to be discussed at the next Council meeting

Equipment Lease or Purchase – Peter Schultz said the City’s backhoe needs to be replaced and he has acquired bids for a new Cat, John Deere and New Holland.

	Price	Trade	Lease	Rate	Payment	Buyout
NH	\$77,500	\$15,000	60 mo	3.25%	\$1131.84	\$1.00
JD	\$83,700	\$21,500	60 mo	3.00%	\$ 505.00	\$40,000
CAT	\$95,434	\$12,000	60 mo	2.95%	\$ 670.07	\$53,993

With the trade in price of the CAT (Yancey), the City will have to completely repair our current backhoe. With the New Holland (Nashville Tractor) and the John Deere (Flint Equipment Co.), that trade in value is taking it as it is currently. This pretty much eliminates the CAT through Yancey. So we are looking at the New Holland through

Nashville Tractor and the John Deere through Flint Equipment. The council discussed the difference in the monthly payments and the option of being able to turn it in after five years and leasing another brand new backhoe. Scott Stalnaker had checked with the county public works department and that is what they are doing now instead of purchasing heavy equipment. Other governmental agencies are also doing the same thing. The council came to an agreement that since John Deere (Flint Equipment) is allowing us more on the trade in value of ours as is, and that the interest rate is a little lower, and the fact that they have the option of either choosing the buyout or just turning back in and leasing another after five years, the council agreed to vote at the next meeting on the John Deere (Flint Equipment). There is a good bit of difference also in the monthly payment between the John Deere (Flint Equipment) and the New Holland (Nashville Tractor). That is because Nashville Tractor didn't submit the option of being able to turn it in after the five years and leasing another. If we decided to choose the buyout option on the John Deere (Flint Equipment), the payment would be \$1117.65 per month and the total interest paid over the five years would be \$4859.17. With the New Holland (Nashville Tractor), the payments are \$1131.84 and the total interest paid over the five years would be \$5300.00. So the difference would be a savings of \$440.83 of interest in five years plus the \$300 difference in the cost of the backhoe. For a total of \$740.83 in five years if we go with the purchase and compare in the same way.

Natural Gas Rates – Peter Schultz presented the possible rates for the new gas line extension to Alapaha. He explained our costs, loan payments, and the suggested rates to cover this and to make a profit from the line while in turn still save the customer money from what they are currently paying for propane. The council agreed to move forward with this and for Mitchell to work on the contract.

Possible One-way Street beside Post Office- After a brief discussion, Mayor Harper and the Council decided more information would be needed and decided to add this to another work session in the future.

Local Business – The Blue Flame – Mayor Harper said the Blue Flame was served a Cease and Desist order on alcohol sales. Chief Edwards further discussed the Cease and Desist order on alcohol sales due to selling without a license and that they had not applied for a license from the State. The Chief stated Mr. Davis indicated he does not actually sale alcohol and that he rents it for private parties that bring their own alcohol. There was brief discussion concerning the recent murder that took place near The Blue Flame. District Attorney Dick Perryman further stated the danger surrounding the location and how most people are scared to drive around it. There was discussion of Mr. Davis' desire to have the Police Department keep people from loitering and the amount of force that might require which the Police Department doesn't have readily available and the matter of him needing to provide security himself. More discussion took place of whether the business should be shut down due to all the issues.

Budget Changes (LOST/SPLOST) – Mandy Luke brought up the issue of the loss of LOST revenue that the City will lose beginning July 2015 which is approximately \$75,000-\$150,000. She mentioned ideas to make up for the loss through adding extra fees for the Fire Service to the County. Also, possibly taking back some of the Ball Field by the cemetery on the Adel Highway. Right now, the County pays the water bill and the City pays the electricity and the liability insurance. Also, the possibility of adding a \$1.00 charge for picking up yard trash since there is no charge at this time. Also, possibly to stop paying for the search and rescue Windstream phone bill and changes to payment toward the library to be shared by or shifted to the County. Also, possible changes in some of the staff's hours, departments some salaries are paid from

or changes in duties. Also, possibly cutting the crossing guard from the staff and have the Police Department help with school traffic.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss Mayor Harper asked that the meeting be adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Travis Harper

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Walter Steward

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Mellisa Watson

ATTEST

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk