

WORK SESSION
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
APRIL 1, 2015
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Travis Harper, Scott Stalnaker, Walt Steward and Billy Retterbush.

STAFF PRESENT: Mandy Luke, Jackie Jordan, Peter Schultz, Chief Edwards and John Reynolds.

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

Budget Issues – Mandy Luke presented options considering possible changes to the Budget due to the loss of LOST revenue that the City will lose beginning July 2015 which is approximately \$75,000-\$150,000. A review of increasing the Debt Service Fee on Water/Sewer bills looking at the numbers if increasing the fee by \$1.00, \$2.00 or \$3.00 and what the increase would bring monthly and annually was presented. A review of an additional fee per meter or residence for yard trash pickup broken down by an increase of \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 or \$2.00 and what the increase would bring monthly and annually was also presented. Further discussed was how the City may dispose of yard trash debris and the cost to do so. The subject of possibly doing away with the annual fireworks July 4th celebration was mentioned. Mandy also mentioned a possible increase in the property tax millage rate. She also stated there had been no change to the Occupational Tax/Business License fees in years and the City could possibly increase the amount per employee of each business. She mentioned a possibility of reducing the City Attorney's attendance to City Council meetings to once a month instead of both meetings unless otherwise needed since the City pays per meeting he attends. Mandy presented the possibility of changing some full time positions to part time or seasonal. The Mayor stated he liked some of the ideas so far. Mandy mentioned allowing the County to do our building permits and inspections which would allow for eliminating a part time position for this. Mandy discussed the Farmers Market not fully supporting itself, the fact that it is costing the tax payers thru the general fund and looking at what options we may have for that. She mentioned eliminating the courtesy provided to the Recreation Department of spraying for mosquitos or starting charging for the service. Also, mentioned was the possible elimination of donations to the Library and paying the Windstream bill for the Search &

Rescue. She said two things already decided was to not refill the vacant Assistant City Manager and combining the vacant sergeant position and code enforcement officer. She also mentioned the debit cards fees which the City has been paying rather than passing a fee onto the customer. She went on to say she contacted some other offices and they charge their customers for the fee.

After discussion of these items, the council present indicated they are in favor of charging the Recreation Department to spray for mosquitos rather than eliminating it. They are in favor of reducing the donation to the Library by possibly \$200.00 per month. They are also in favor of eliminating the Windstream bill for the Search & Rescue. They were not in favor of eliminating the fireworks. Nor, were they in favor of raising the tax millage rate. They also brought up the possibilities of increasing rates to customers outside of the city limits, having employees pay an additional \$5.00 per week for health insurance, and having the county pay half the training cost in Fire Department if the Fire Department continues to go five miles into the county to respond to fire calls.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss Mayor Harper asked that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Travis Harper

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Walter Steward

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderwoman Mellisa Watson

ATTEST

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk