

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
JUNE 26, 2017**

**ROLL CALL:** Members of the City Council present included Mayor Michael Richbourg, Aldermen Walt Steward, Scott Stalnaker, Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter, Billy Retterbush and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

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

The Budget Workshop meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. Mandy Luke presented hand-outs to the Mayor and Council for her proposal of the FY 2018 budget along with balances of each fund (see attachments for the general, water, gas, SPLOST and Hotel Motel tax). Mandy spoke of recent projects including gas line extension, new equipment and vehicles. Current projects such as TEA project for sidewalks on Dogwood Drive, WIN Fab project, radio read meters, the grant/loan application for the new Firetruck, the grant loan application for new vehicles for the Police Department that Chief Edwards is working on, the new apartment complex and the new tobacco barns on Enigma Highway which will be using natural gas. She discussed the balances on the spreadsheets for each department. She mentioned this does not include any pay raises and discussed those amounts. She said she wants to start paying more on the loans to get those paid down. She mentioned how much less SPLOST is now and briefly mentioned how she and the department heads came up with the figures for the proposed budget. She mentioned Farmers Market grants and LMIG grants. She also mentioned the money received from the County to help pay for Fire Chief Buck Warren's new truck. She discussed unexpected expenses we have had such as termites in the Wiregrass Building, Downtown Center and the Community Center requiring replacement of the floors. She also mentioned the YES Center which the City owns and the air conditioner, carpet and some lights had to be replaced there. She mentioned the extra expenses of the tennis court improvements of which we did receive help from the County and the Board of Education. She said she did not include the amount from the new apartment complex are going to estimate what the anticipated amount may be. She also briefly discussed the gas charges and the gas loans. The Mayor and Council asked Mandy about more information and figures for raises because they do want to include raises. They also mentioned

shopping for better rates for some of the Certificates of Deposit. They also mentioned there has been no increase in occupational tax fees, cemeteries fees and etcetera.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Mayor Michael Richbourg

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Alderman Antonio Carter

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Alderman Walter Steward

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Alderman Billy Retterbush

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Alderwoman Mellisa Watson

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Alderman Scott Stalnaker

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Alderman Eric Gaither

**ATTEST**

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Jackie Jordan, City Clerk