

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
JANUARY 13, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Keisha Ferguson

PLEDGE: Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

WELCOME: Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Taylor Scarbrough, Aldermen Scott Stalnaker, Billy Retterbush, Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter and John Clayton

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

OTHERS: Keisha Ferguson, Johnny Browning, Lavonne Shaw, Brenda Thomas, Kyle Pearson, Travis Harper

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

Billy Retterbush made the motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. 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. **Fire in Hay Field/Spray Field – Dennis Eller/Quality Hay LLC** – No one was present for this item.
2. **Assignment of Council to Mayor Pro-Tem and Departments – Mayor Taylor Scarbrough** – The Mayor and Council discussed the departments as currently assigned: Scott Stalnaker as Mayor Pro-Tem and over Public Safety, Gas and Street; Billy Retterbush over Sanitation; Eric Gaither over Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries; Antonio Carter over Water and Sewer; and, John Clayton over Economic and Community Development. {Walt Steward was Mayor Pro-Tem and over Public Safety but is out of the country so those were assigned to Scott Stalnaker during his absence.} Scott Stalnaker made a motion for John Clayton to serve as mayor Pro-Tem and the department appointments continue as currently assigned. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
3. **Beer, Wine and Liquor License Approvals (1) for 2020 – Mayor Taylor Scarbrough** –

2020 BEER WINE LIQUOR LICENSES				
BUSINESS NAME	APPLICANT NAME	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	AMT PAID
Off the Hook	Kim Jordan	206 South St.	Beer License	\$ 500.00
TOTAL (1)				\$ 500.00

Mayor Taylor Scarbrough presented the Beer, Wine & Liquor license application. Having nothing to prevent the approval, Eric Gaither made a motion to approve the license application. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. **Utilities Policy – Mayor Taylor Scarbrough** – Mayor Taylor Scarbrough presented Johnny Browning to explain his request to provide a large deposit, of \$2,000, in lieu of providing his social security number which is the normal procedure for temporary water services for cleaning purposes of the property he recently purchased known as Cadillac Ranch. After brief discussion, Scott Stalnaker made a motion to allow the \$2,000 deposit in lieu of providing his social security number. Attorney Moore confirmed it is legal and explained details regarding the requirement of social security numbers for collection purposes. Mandy Luke, City Manager, explained if they agreed to allow this request, she would need a letter from Mr. Browning refusing to provide his social security number to provide the auditors further explanation for the exception. After further discussion, Antonio Carter made a motion to require the social security number according to current policy. The motion failed. Scott Stalnaker reinstated his motion to allow anyone to provide a \$2,000 deposit in lieu of a social security number for temporary water services only. Eric Gaither seconded the motion. John Clayton, Billy Retterbush, Eric Gaither and Scott Stalnaker voted yes. Antonio Carter voted no. The motion passed four (4) to one (1).

5. **Okefenokee Occasion 2020 – Eric Gaither** – Alderman Gaither asked about the Okefenokee Occasion and the Mayor’s attendance. Mayor Scarbrough asked if it is included in the budget and Mrs. Luke explained it is included in the budget. The Mainstreet Director, Jill Wise, and the Chamber Director, Lisa Smart, usually attend this function but neither of them will be able to attend this year and Miss Wise has explained the details to Mayor Scarbrough. Eric Gaither made a motion for the Mayor to attend and receive expense reimbursement as with training events. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

City Manager’s/Finance Director’s Report:

Mrs. Luke reported the auditors are working on the City’s Fiscal Year 2019 audit.

City Attorney’s Report:

Attorney Mitchell Moore reported on the NURA project which had a deadline for bids of 2:00 on December 17th explaining the evaluation process by the engineer categorizing the bid(s) as responsive or non-responsive regarding the qualifications and any possible deficiencies. Mr. Moore was given permission by the Mayor and Council to continue working with John Hunkele, the engineer, regarding possible negotiations.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Edwards provided details of Brenda Thomas' request for the annual Martin Luther King Jr parade scheduled for Sunday, January 19th at 4:00 which will require blocking a portion of Davis Street which is a State highway during that time which requires permission of the governing body for Chief Edwards to contact D.O.T. for this request. John Clayton made a motion to allow Chief Edwards to contact D.O.T. regarding this temporary closure. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Chief Edwards reported the Second Annual First Responders Blood Drive on Tuesday, February 18th from noon to 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Berrien Elementary School. Chief Edwards reported on the Police Department's use of NIBRS, National Incident-Based Reporting System, of which they are the first agency in the State of Georgia to use the system and they have successfully passed the mandatory three (3) month error free submission prerequisite in order to meet the FBI reporting compliance requirements.

John Reynolds reported the beginning of sewer video for the 2020 CDBG project.

Jill Wise reported the recent completion of the required DCA report. She also reported on improvements and/or purchases in the down town district by Southern Landmark, Ada Faye Fashions, Terry Danforth, Doug Gaskins, Marvin's (FKA Chossi's), Whidden's Furniture, Direct DOC's second location. She also reported the Chili Cook Off event to take place on Saturday, February 29th with the Fishing Rodeo event to follow. Mayor Scarbrough asked if there were other new businesses that opened and asked about brainstorming to find a way to recognize new businesses. Miss Wise explained the Mainstreet area. John Clayton agreed to look into it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lavonne Shaw (Avera Avenue) and Brenda Thomas (MLK Jr Drive) asked about paving/re-paving on John Street, MLK Jr Drive and surround streets. Billy Retterbush and John Reynolds explained that is part of the upcoming work under the CDBG project(s) and there is no exact time line.

Kyle Pearson (Marion Avenue) expressed a wish for positive influence and efforts with the new Mayor and Council body.

Travis Harper (Adel), former Mayor of Nashville, mentioned the exception made regarding temporary services and briefly discussed ideas of a change in the policy on this issue versus exception to the policy. Mayor Scarbrough thanked Mr. Harper for the help he provided to him preparing for the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Billy Retterbush said he was contacted by former Alderwoman Mellisa Watson asking if the City would consider providing porta-potties for the BHS skeet shooting team during that season, again. Billy Retterbush made a motion to provide the porta-potties for the skeet shooting team for the season. John Clayton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to conduct, Scott Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderman Walt Steward

Alderman John Clayton

ATTEST:

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk