

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN**

**JULY 27, 2020**

**6:00 P.M.**

*~Limited Access to City Hall with Public Access via RingCentral (RC) Teleconference and  
Facebook Live Stream on Nashville Main Street~*

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

**PLEDGE:** Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

**ROLL CALL:** Members of the City Council present included Mayor Taylor Scarbrough, Aldermen John Clayton, Scott Stalnaker, Billy Retterbush, Antonio Carter, Walt Steward (via RC) and Eric Gaither

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mandy Luke (via RC), Jackie Jordan, Jill Wise, Mitchell Moore, Peter Schultz (via RC), John Reynolds, Henry Yawn (via RC), Richard Varn

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING(s):**

Regular City Council Meeting-July 13, 2020: Eric Gaither made a motion to adopt the minutes. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA:**

Eric Gaither made a motion to adopt the formal agenda. John Clayton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1- **110 Eagle Avenue/Industrial Park – Bob Schraven or Scott Stalnaker:** Scott Stalnaker introduced Bob Schraven and Mark Morris of MMM, LLC along with Rodney Nix of Magnolia House. They discussed their business in the Industrial and the conditions of the road. There was a brief discussion between them and the Mayor and Council of the desire of possibilities of paving the road. The Mayor and Council discussed beginning the process to attempt to reach out for assistance in funds from grants or other avenues. Eric Gaither made a motion for Billy Retterbush to speak to the County to see if they may be able to help with possibility of paving the road and for the Mayor to speak with Mr. Golden with D.O.T. and State Representative Penny Houston about help with grants or funds to help with possibility of paving the road. John Clayton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
  
- 2- **Water Meters – Lester Ross or Eric Gaither:** There was a discussion of two (2) property lots owned by Lester Ross. He could not give the exact addresses but stated one is on Washington and one is on Marion. This is a continuance of a previous discussion in March 2020 before the State of Emergency of COVID-19. Mr. Ross explained there were

water/sewer meters on the lots when he purchased them several years ago although he never applied for or received utility services from the City for those and now wishes to build a rental duplex on Washington and add another rental on Marion. Due to City Ordinances and moratorium on new meters and hook-ups, the unused meters had to be removed by the City. He is appealing to the City to replace them without having to pay the water meter and sewer tap fees. A brief discussion ensued of the maintenance costs of the meters, the tap fees and the City's obligations under the Ordinances and moratorium. Eric Gaither made a motion to reinstate three (3) water meters. The motion failed. Eric Gaither made a motion for the Mayor Scarborough, Mayor Pro-Tem Clayton and John Reynolds to discuss the issue with Lester Ross to attempt to come up with a possible compromise or resolution to present at the next Council meeting. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- 3- **Mayor's Veto of Budget Workshops – Mayor Taylor Scarborough:** Mayor Scarborough vetoed the action of the City Council's decision at the July 13, 2020 Council meeting to proceed with the July dates for the budget workshop and public hearing. No action taken.
- 4- **GMA Discussions – Scott Stalnaker and Billy Retterbush:** Billy Retterbush explained he had spoken with Larry Hanson with GMA. He and Scott Stalnaker explained they would like to utilize the services of GMA to help move the City forward and work together. The Mayor and Council were in agreement of this and for Mr. Retterbush to discuss the issue further with Mr. Hanson.
- 5- **Budget Format Discussions – Scott Stalnaker:** Mr. Stalnaker and the Council discussed the style and format that the City Manager has used for several years urging to move forward with the budget process using the same format used previously along with the current FY2020 budget which continues through July 31, 2020. Walt Steward made a motion to continue and extend the FY2020 Budget and spending limits until the new budget is adopted but no later than September 30, 2020. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- 6- **Police Department Off-Duty Request – Scott Stalnaker:** Mr. Stalnaker said he was going to explain a change out of the traffic light at Marion and Davis by the State and ask for the City to pay off duty officers to help with traffic control so as not to interfere with the Police Department taking calls while the replacement took place but it is no longer needed because had been done sooner than originally scheduled. No action taken.
- 7- **Format of August 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting – Mayor Taylor Scarborough:** After a brief discussion of the format of the recent meetings and the current Executive Orders of the Governor's office, John Clayton made a motion to continue with RingCentral teleconference and Facebook live stream via The Berrien Press, if they wish to do so, with restricted public access as long as masks are worn and six-foot social distancing is observed, after all necessary persons for the meeting are accommodated. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS:**

**City Manager's/Finance Director's Report – Mandy Luke:**

None.

**City Attorney’s Report – Mitchell Moore, Attorney:**

Mr. Moore mentioned the RingCentral meeting, discussed at the last Council meeting, between the new Code Enforcement Officer, Mayor Scarbrough, Scott Stalnaker and the City Attorney did not take place. Mr. Moore also mentioned the RingCentral meeting about the Historic District Ordinance had not taken place either but would be happy to if the Mayor still wished to do so. Mr. Moore mentioned the budget and the advertisement of publication dates. Mayor Scarbrough said they could call a meeting upon the return of the City Manager.

**Department Head Reports:**

None.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

The Mayor and Council commended Jill Wise for her service as Mainstreet Director and wished her the best as she leaves the City to pursue other opportunities. Antonio Carter agreed and commended all the City staff. Billy Retterbush reported attendance to the Deep South Solid Waste meeting in July and the City would be expecting a semi-annual royalty payment in the amount of \$17,532.76.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

John Clayton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

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Alderman Scott Stalnaker

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Alderman Antonio Carter

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Alderman Walt Steward

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Alderman Billy Retterbush

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Alderman Eric Gaither

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Alderman John Clayton

**ATTEST:**

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Jackie Jordan, City Clerk