

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
AUGUST 10, 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:** Pappy Klinessmith

**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 (via RC), Billy Retterbush, Antonio Carter, and Eric Gaither

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mandy Luke, Jackie Jordan, Mitchell Moore, Peter Schultz (via RC), John Reynolds, Henry Yawn (via RC), Chief Edwards (via RC)

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

Regular City Council Meeting on July 27, 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 with the following changes: Deletion of Agenda Item #3-Possible 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Historic Ordinance; and, Addition to Discuss Date for Mayor and Council to meet with GMA; Discuss TSPLOST Funds/Possibility of Paving Eagle Avenue/Discussed at July 27<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting; Status of CDBG Project in Area of John and North Mathis Streets; Budget Workshop Schedule. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1- **Water Meters/Lester Ross – Mayor Scarbrough:** The Mayor explained he, John Clayton, John Reynolds and Lester Ross met after the last Council meeting to attempt to come up with a compromise regarding Mr. Ross' water meter request stating they agreed Mr. Ross would pay for two (2) meters and the City would provide one (1) meter. Mr. Ross said he had changed his mind and no longer agreed with this compromise. Eric Gaither made a motion for himself and Antonio Carter to meet with Lester Ross to attempt to come up with a possible compromise to Mr. Ross' water meter request. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 2- **FY2019 Audit – Mike Sirmans, Meeks CPA:** Mr. Sirmans presented the completed report of the FY2019 Audit to the Mayor and Council focusing on the three (3) major funds: General Fund, Water/Sewer Fund and Gas Fund. He explained the assets and

liabilities providing for the net position on each including the income statements and balance sheets. No action taken.

- 3- **Format of August 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting – Mayor Scarbrough:** Eric Gaither 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 according to Executive Orders. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
  - A motion was made by Billy Retterbush to amend the Agenda to move the discussion of the GMA meeting to the end of the Agenda. John Clayton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- 4- **TSPLOST Funds/Possibility of Paving Eagle Avenue/Discussed at July 27<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting – Mayor Scarbrough:** The Mayor mentioned the discussion of this item in the prior Council meeting asking protocol for something like this. Mr. Retterbush said the first step was normally to hire an engineer and he said he spoke with the County but did not have a figure but will approach the subject again when they have a figure. Mr. Stalnaker explained Peter Schultz had already spoken with Roger Fowler of Statewide Engineering of Douglas and received a rough estimate of \$234,618 and the project would have to be put out for bids which meant the cost could change based on the bids but this is a basic idea. Mr. Stalnaker said the next step would be to search for grants and he mentioned checking with Penny Houston or Mr. Golden with D.O.T. for possible grants available further stating some are matching grants but others are not. The Mayor asked about the funds in TSPLOST and Mrs. Luke explained if a matching grant is found, the matching funds would be taken from General Fund, TSPLOST, SPLOST or whatever is available and there has typically been about a two-year turnaround time on these type grants. The Mayor asked if any of the funds could be used for crush and run in the meantime. Mrs. Luke explained as long as it is not put on private property and that would be something the Council would have to approve, not the City Manager.
- 5- **Status of CDBG Project in Area of John and North Mathis Streets – Mayor Scarbrough:** The Mayor said he had received complaints of ruts in the road on John and North Mathis Street and asked who would be responsible for resurfacing the roads once the project is complete. Peter Schultz explained the contractors were still working on the water lines but had to be pulled away from this project and told him they were trying to return in a couple weeks. He further explained they had to do more digging to put down water lines so nothing could be done at this time but what they cut while working on the project, they will resurface once completed. Mr. Stalnaker said he would get with Peter Schultz to get an estimate on crush and run. No action taken.
- 6- **Budget Workshop Schedule – Antonio Carter:** After a brief discussion of possible dates and the time line needed for running the ad and having the necessary meetings, Antonio Carter made a motion to have the budget workshop on August 25, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Billy Retterbush and Antonio Carter voted yes. Eric Gaither, Scott Stalnaker and John Clayton voted no. The motion

failed. Eric Gaither made a motion to have the budget workshop on September 29, 2020 but then retracted the motion. Eric Gaither made a motion to have the budget workshop on September 1, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Scott Stalnaker, Eric Gaither, Billy Retterbush and John Clayton voted yes. Antonio Carter abstained. The motion passed.

- 7- **Date for Mayor and Council to meet with GMA – Billy Retterbush:** After a brief discussion of possible dates available, Billy Retterbush made a motion for the Mayor and Council, City Manager and City Attorney to meet with GMA at the Nashville Community Center on August 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Billy Retterbush made a motion for the City to reimburse mileage at the IRS mileage rate for Terrell Jacobs and Emily Davenport of GMA plus the fee for one-night hotel stay for Mr. Jacobs. John Clayton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Luke stated an updated statement of bank balances along with a statement of revenues and expenditures had been provided to the Mayor and Council. She presented the Attorney bill for April and after a brief discussion, Billy Retterbush made a motion to approve the payment of the April attorney bill of \$11,745 (\$10,350-General Fund, \$1,080-Water/Sewer Fund, \$315-Gas Fund). John Clayton seconded the motion. Roll Call: Billy Retterbush, Antonio Carter, Scott Stalnaker and John Clayton voted yes. Eric Gaither voted no. The motion passed four (4) to one (1).

**City Attorney Report – Mitchell Moore:**

Mr. Moore explained discussions had not yet taken place on the Historic Ordinance revision but it would require attention soon because he has received calls regarding real estate transactions with one of those being in the Historic District. He further explained if a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) is presented to the Historic Preservation Commission and not addressed within forty-five (45) days, the COA is automatically granted. Mr. Moore also mentioned an inquiry from the Code Enforcement Officer, Ms. Williams, regarding protocol and procedures regarding a particular property which would need to be presented to the Mayor and Council to determine whether to initiate procedures under Code Section 5-86 or handle it as dilapidated property through Municipal Court. No action taken.

**Department Head's Report:**

None. No action taken.

**Public Comments:**

There were several public comments by the following: Earl Miles, Darrin Davis, Wayne May, Paul Sauls and Travis Harper.

**Council Comments:**

Antonio Carter commented on general behavior and working together better and commended the City personnel. Scott Stalnaker commended the City Attorney, City Manager and City personnel.

John Clayton thanked everyone for their attendance and said he would like to see everyone working together better.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Billy Retterbush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. John Clayton 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

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