

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
NOVEMBER 9, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

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The Berrien Press~*

**INVOCATION:** Mark Addington

**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 (RC), Billy Retterbush (RC), Walt Steward, Eric Gaither

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mandy Luke (RC), Jackie Jordan, Nancy Pesce, Mitchell Moore, Police Chief Edwards, John Reynolds, Peter Schultz, Henry Yawn, Richard Varn

**OTHERS INVOLVED IN MEETING:** None

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

Regular City Council Meeting on October 26, 2020: Eric Gaither made a motion to adopt the minutes. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA:**

John Clayton made a motion to adopt the formal agenda. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1- **Nashville Historic Preservation Commission Ordinance – Mayor Taylor Scarbrough:** Mayor Scarbrough explained an email sent to the Council today discussing verbiage changes to the Ordinance, which has been in discussion for several months. Since everyone had not had a chance to read the email with the proposed changes, a discussion ensued regarding the verbiage changes which included the number of members to serve on the Commission, the residency and qualifications of the members, the length of time members may serve, the appointment and approval process of the members and the deadline for appeals regarding Certificates of Appropriateness (COA). After the discussion also Scott Stalnaker made a motion to accept the revised version of the Ordinance with this being considered the first reading. John Clayton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
  
- 2- **Intersection of North Jackson Street and Hall Ave – John Clayton:** John Clayton explained complaints of speeding on North Jackson Street suggesting the implementation

of a three-way stop at the intersection of North Jackson Street and Hall Avenue. Scott Stalnaker expressed concerns of doing this before conducting a study of the traffic from and to Smith Avenue during school traffic hours and explained he would like the opportunity to speak with the Board of Education and have a Public Hearing on the issue before making a change. After brief discussion, John Clayton made a motion to add two (2) stop signs on North Jackson making the intersection of North Jackson and Hall Avenue a 3-way stop. Eric Gaither seconded the motion. Roll Call: Eric Gaither, John Clayton, Billy Retterbush and Walt Steward voted yes. Scott Stalnaker voted no. The motion passes four (4) to one (1).

- 3- **Rescheduling of Unsafe Building and Nuisance Public Hearing – Mitchell Moore, City Attorney:** Mr. Moore explained a scheduling conflict with the Public Hearing regarding the property located at 506 College Street in order to allow for proper notification as required to all parties involved. Walt Steward made a motion to reschedule the Public Hearing from November 9, 2020 at 5:30 to December 14, 2020 at 5:30. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- 4- **Next Regular City Council Meeting, November 23, 2020/Thanksgiving Week – Mandy Luke, City Manager/Finance Director:** John Clayton made a motion to cancel the November 23<sup>rd</sup> Regular Council Meeting. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion stating a meeting can be called if anything comes up that needs to be addressed and the motion carried unanimously. *{The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 14, 2020}*
- 5- **Format of Next Regular Council Meeting (December 14, 2020) – Mayor Taylor Scarbrough:** Scott Stalnaker made a motion to continue with the same format strongly encouraging masks and social distancing, RingCentral teleconference, if available, and Facebook live stream via The Berrien Press, if they wish to do so. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**City Manager/Finance Director Report:**

None.

**City Attorney Report:**

Mr. Moore explained the need to postpone a proposed burn Ordinance that had been tabled at the October 26, 2020 meeting. He also updated the Council that action had been taken with the proper notices regarding the current CDBG project and there has been increased activity at the jobsite. Mr. Moore also explained he had requested an appraisal on the real estate owned by the City for which a purchase offer has been made.

**Department Head's Report:**

Chief Edwards reported the fireworks show for Veterans Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, around 7:00 p.m., if weather permits. If it must be postponed due to weather, it will take place Monday, November 16.

Mayor Scarbrough commended Peter Schultz and his department for the quick action taken at the area of the current CDBG project around John Street and Mathis Street when the contractors on site cut the main gas line twice which could have become a catastrophic situation.

Mayor Scarbrough introduced Nancy Pesce as the new Main Street Director. Nancy previously worked with Main Street and the Farmers Market.

**Public Comments:**

The Mayor and Council heard comments from Lester Ross regarding water meters and Earl Miles regarding business and economic development in the City and County.

**Council Comments:**

Mayor Scarbrough commented on a GMA Retreat that took place on November 8 between GMA and the Mayor and Council thanking Emily Davenport and Terrell Jacobs with GMA.

Walt Steward expressed concerns about a sign for DCFACS office located at the corner of South Jackson and East McPherson which impedes the ability to see oncoming traffic before entering the intersection. Chief Edwards agreed with Mr. Steward and Henry Yawn said he would check on it.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

John Clayton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

November 9, 2020.

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Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

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Alderman John Clayton

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Alderman Antonio Carter

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Alderman Walt Steward

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Alderman Scott Stalnaker

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Alderman Billy Retterbush

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Alderman Eric Gaither

**ATTEST:**

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Jackie Jordan, City Clerk