

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

6:00 P.M.

*~Limited Access to City Hall, RingCentral (RC) Teleconference and Facebook Live Stream on
The Berrien Press~*

INVOCATION: R. T. Castleberry

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, Antonio Carter, Walt Steward, Eric Gaither.

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Schultz, Nancy Pesce, Police Chief Edwards, John Reynolds, Henry Yawn (RC), Fire Chief Clay Davis, Mitchell Moore

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

Regular City Council-January 25, 2021 and Called Meeting with Executive Session-February 2, 2021: Billy Retterbush made a motion to adopt the minutes. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA:

John Clayton made a motion to adopt the formal agenda. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1- Beer, Wine & Liquor License Approval for 2021 – Mayor Taylor Scarbrough:** Eric Gaither made a motion to approve the license application for Off The Hook. John Clayton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously .

- 2- SCADA Computer System for Waste Water Treatment Plant – John Reynolds, W/S Superintendent:** The current operating system has not been functioning properly for several months which prevents proper monitoring of the system without a qualified employee at the plant. Two quotes were obtained from Aqua Aerobic Systems in the amounts of \$39,770 and \$41,405 with the larger quote including a water lever and a pump on/off control. Mr. Reynolds explained the current system is the original equipment installed in the construction of the new plant approximately nine (9) years ago and needs upgrading. Both were reviewed by John Hunkele with Coastal Engineering and his recommendation is the \$41,405 quote. The funds will be taken from SPLOST and the project should be completed within ten (10) to twelve (12) weeks. John Clayton made a motion to move forward with the project under the quote of \$41,405. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Scarbrough added the

ability to properly monitor the water system using this software system and saved the City thousands of dollars over these past years.

- 3- **Format of Next Regular Council Meeting {February 22, 2021} – Mayor Scarbrough:** John Clayton made a motion to continue with the same format of strongly encouraging face masks and social distancing, RingCentral teleconference, if available, and Facebook live stream via The Berrien Press, if they wish to do so. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously).

City Manager/Finance Director Report:

Peter Schultz presented the 2018 CDBG pay request #3 in the amount of \$77,631.64 from James Warren & Associates submitted by Coastal Engineering explaining the project has completed and passed the proper pressure and bacterial tests. Antonio Carter made a motion to approve the payment request. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schultz explained approval in January 2019 for two (2) generators with aid from FEMA grants after several storms came through. One generator was completed last year which supplies power to City Hall and the Fire Station. The other generator is for the Waste Water Treatment Plant which was quoted in 2018 but due to the lengthy Grant process, that generator was no longer available and had to be requoted. That generator has been installed and we are in receipt of the invoice in the amount of \$95,950 that is due. He further explained the purchase order had already been processed and the total cost was \$190,000 and the amount of \$95,950 is the City's portion after the Grant. There were questions of where funds were to come from and who authorized the installation of the generator. Mr. Schultz explained the process began in 2018 and it was explained to Council that it may take a year or better for the entire process with FEMA but he would look into the matter further. Mayor Scarbrough and Councilman Gaither asked to hold action until the next meeting. Councilman Steward expressed concerns of holding payments due to companies suggesting if funds are available, the City needs to pay the invoice. Scott Stalnaker made a motion to approve payment of \$95,950 subject to funds paid from SPLOST. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Report:

Mr. Moore reported a modification on the food vendor truck statute previously discussed to remove a comma of which he circulated via email. Mr. Moore further explained mobile food vendors must follow state fire codes, must obtain permits when applying for licenses and the Health Department is responsible for inspection of the mobile food vendor trucks.

Mr. Moore reported working on the Wiregrass lease and the submittal to the State Fire Marshal regarding violations of the Wiregrass facility has been received and approved so no further submittal is necessary.

Mr. Moore also mentioned, upon previous request to research the item, State Statute OCGA 3-4-47 (a) provides no new liquor stores can operate within 500 feet of an existing liquor store.

Department Head's Report:

Nancy Pesce reminded everyone of the Chili Cook-off on February 27. She reported she currently has fourteen (14) teams and has the dunk booth repaired so it could be used at the Chili Cook-off.

Public Comments:

Marty Faulkner addressed the Council concerning the VFW having had two (2) closures due to COVID and in researching ways to help with the loss of revenues, they are they are looking to have a Gun and Knife show at the VFW. He reached out to Chief Edwards about it and Chief Edwards is investigating State Ordinances and is awaiting a reply from ATF. Councilman Steward commended them on this idea and said he thought this could be huge and they should look at doing it semi-annually.

Council Comments:

Walt Steward mentioned recent emails sent to City employees that were not respectful in their demeanor and the need to be respectful to all employees and each other at all times.

John Clayton asked if any applications to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission had been received. Mr. Schultz reported he is in receipt of three and they were from Keith Stone, Theodore Herrera and Guthrie Groh and he would email them to the Mayor and Council the following morning

Mayor Scarbrough mentioned possibility of calling a meeting Wednesday or Thursday regarding the interim City Manager position and would update the group upon availability of more information.

ADJOURNMENT:

John Clayton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. .

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Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

Alderman John Clayton

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Walt Steward

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Eric Gaither

ATTEST:

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk