

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
MARCH 8, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

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INVOCATION: Mitchell Moore

PLEDGE: Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton, Scott Stalnaker, Billy Retterbush, Antonio Carter, Walt Steward, Eric Gaither.

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Schultz, Jackie Jordan, Nancy Pesce, Police Chief Edwards, John Reynolds, Fire Chief Clay Davis, Mitchell Moore

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

Regular City Council-February 22, 2021: Billy Retterbush made a motion to adopt the minutes. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA:

Eric Gaither made a motion to adopt the formal agenda. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1- Request for Help with Purchase of BHS Football Equipment – Tim Alligood, BHS Football Coach:** Coach Alligood spoke in appreciation of the City helping the BHS football program in 2018. He explained due to the COVID pandemic, there was a reduction in ticket sales and the booster club had not been able to hold the usual fundraisers causing a lack of funds available for uniforms and other items needed. He explained they need approximately \$8,000 at this time and would be very appreciative of any assistance the City may be able to provide. Mayor Pro-Tem explained the City would like to help but would have to see how the City's finances stand after the audit is completed before a decision could be made and suggested making contact with the County as well to request help. The item was tabled.

- 2- Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance Amendment-2nd Reading – Mitchell Moore, City Attorney:** Mr. Moore provided the first reading at the February 22nd Council meeting regarding new rules of fire safety standards. This constitutes the seconded reading of the amendment which will be formally adopted tonight and will become effective upon publication in the Berrien Press.

3- Affidavit and Resolution {#R-04-21} for February 2, 2021 Executive Session – Mitchell Moore, City Attorney: Antonio Carter made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4- Format of Next Regular Council Meeting {March 22, 2021} – Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton: The decision was unanimous to continue with the current format although no formal action was taken. When asked, Mr. Schultz explained a new RingCentral account had not been set up at this time as he had requested the login information from Mayor Scarbrough for the current RingCentral since it has the previous recordings and information but the mayor has not yet provided that information.

5- Executive Session – Eric Gaither

City Manager/Finance Director Report:

Peter Schultz provided a typed update to the Council on Local Government Consulting Services' work preparing for the FY2020 audit. Mr. Schultz reported an onsite visit from Mr. Valenti and Mrs. Smith from Valenti, Rackley Associates regarding possible financial work for the City. Mr. Schultz also reported the blighted property at 506 College has been cleaned, trash hauled off and doors were boarded.

City Attorney Report:

Mr. Moore reported he is trying to finalize the City Manager job description and was awaiting suggestions from Terrell Jacobs with GMA and once completed, he will circulate the description to the Mayor and Council at that time. Mr. Moore also reported he had reached out to the insurance bonding company for James Warren and Associates regarding the lack of work completed on the 2018 CDBG project.

Department Head's Report:

Fire Chief Davis reported the reinspection of the Wiregrass building is scheduled for March 16th and a Certificate of Occupancy could be issued once completed.

Police Chief Edwards reported a violation notice had been sent to the owner of the McLamb building and the owner responded issued with the doors and windows would be secured within thirty (30) days but if not, a violation notice for court proceedings would be sent. Chief Edwards also reported a citation had been issued upon several complaints for various nuisances of a home in the 300 block of East Washington and a court date is scheduled for May 5th. He also report the four (4) new patrol cars had arrived at the dealership and once the paperwork is executed regarding financing, they will be sent to McLaggan to be outfitted. Walt Steward asked Chief Edwards if any accidents around the post office since they made it a one-way street as opposed to before. Chief Edwards responded there had been no major accidents to his knowledge.

Public Comments:

Matt and Nicole McCrary explained they are doing a praise and worship with music on March 27th at the community center with hamburgers and hot dogs along with a bounce house which will all be free to the community. Eric Gaither made a motion to allow them to use the community center building at no charge. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

At 6:27 p.m., Antonio Carter made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:27 P.M. – 6:37 P.M.

At 6:37 p.m., Antonio Carter made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Antonio Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

March 8, 2021.

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