

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
FEBRUARY 28, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Travis Brown

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, Councilmen Antonio Carter, Eric Gaither, Rodrick Smith, Shane Willis and Councilwoman Amy Garner

STAFF PRESENT: Diane Westberry, Peter Schultz, Brandon Rice, Jackie Jordan, Nancy Pesce, Police Chief Edwards, Fire Chief Davis, Tim Tanner

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

February 14, 2022 Regular Meeting, Work Session and Executive Session; February 17, 2022 Called Meeting: Eric Gaither made a motion to adopt the minutes. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA:

Antonio Carter made a motion to adopt the formal agenda. Shane Willis seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1- Race Track – Paul Newbern/Track Owner:** Mr. Newbern was not in attendance but his wife, Teresa Newbern, spoke on his behalf. Mrs. Newbern said she did not have any new information and wanted to know if the Council had made a decision. City Attorney Tim Tanner said he would talk with her about it after the meeting.

- 2- Surplus Property – Diane Westberry, City Manager:** Mrs. Westberry presented the following items to be deemed surplus so they could be added to GovDeals public auction site: 1981 Chevy dump truck, 1993 Ford F350 four (4) door truck, 1997 Ford Ranger pickup truck, 2005 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor, 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor and two (2) Hummers. Eric Gaither made a motion to deem the vehicles as surplus and list them with GovDeals. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Report:

Mrs. Westberry presented certificates to three (3) softball players: Bella Shealy for Offensive Player of the Year, Kristi Peters for Softball Pitcher of the Year and Grace Clements for Defensive Player of the Year.

City Attorney Report:

None

Department Head’s Report:

Chief Edwards explained he and Rose Bonney met with officials from Humane Society of Atlanta in December about a highly competitive grant and recently learned we had been selected to receive the grant which could bring up to \$20,000 in supplies and equipment. They are due to meet again in April.

Peter Schultz presented an invoice from Valenti, Rackley & Associates in the amount of \$38,740 for their assistance in preparing for the FY2021 audit, bank reconciliations, payroll tax compliance assistance with IRS notices and COVID leave credit assistance, which is in the budget. Antonio Carter made a motion approving payment of the invoice. Rodrick Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Pesce reported on the Chili Cook off with 23 teams and a net profit of \$7,500 which will go toward downtown events and projects. One project they plan to work on is a field trip for Middle and Elementary school students to ride the train and visit the museum downtown. March 5th is set for the Flea and Makers Market around the old courthouse downtown. On March 19th, there will be an “Off the Rails Downtown Train Day” with the Azalea Sprinter bringing people from Willacoochee with a layover in Nashville for about two (2) hours. She plans to have a band scheduled to play during that time and antique cars around the courthouse. She said she has designed brochures to put on the train to encourage people to come downtown along with signage directing people downtown. MainStreet board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2nd at 5:30 at the Nashville Community Center.

Public Comments:

Keith Stone asked about a Spring Clean-up and Peter Schultz reported he is already working on this. Janet Studstill asked about a suspected drug overdose and Chief Edwards explained a report could not be given at this time as the toxicology results were not back to confirm anything.

Council Comments:

Mayor Pro-tem John Clayton mentioned something about Douglas offering some type of pay back on water bills from COVID money for those that remained current. He also asked about some extra attention at the City parks by painting some items and replacing broken items such as grills.

ADJOURNMENT:

Shane Willis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

February 28, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton

Councilman Antonio Carter

Councilman Eric Gaither

Councilwoman Amy Garner

Councilman Rodrick Smith

Councilman Shane Willis

ATTEST:

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk

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