

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
FEBRUARY 27, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Mitchell Moore

PLEDGE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Michael Richbourg

WELCOME: Mayor Michael Richbourg

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Michael Richbourg, Aldermen Scott Stalnaker, Billy Retterbush, Eric Gaither and Walt Steward

STAFF PRESENT: Jackie Jordan, Jill Wise, Chief Edwards, John Reynolds, Peter Schultz, Henry Yawn, Mitchell Moore

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Watts, Kyle Pearson, Judy Singletary, Michael Acree, Wayne Prescott, Neal Bennett, Kimberly Wood, Lisa Hancock, John Black, Jr, Richard Huth, Carrie Harrelson, Doug Hendrix, Joye Bennett, Steve Edwards, Sam Jones

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Eric Gaither made the motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA – Scott Stalnaker made the motion to adopt the formal agenda. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Introduction of Richard Huth, Hospital Administrator for SGMC Berrien Campus – Richard Huth** – Mr. Huth introduced himself as the new hospital administrator in Nashville. He said he has thirty years of experience in healthcare and enjoys turning around rural hospitals. He lives in Ray City and also runs the hospital in Lakeland. He said they are working on several things and have completely upgraded the radiology department. He said they are

working on improving the lab services, potential expansion of the building and are expecting a new physician soon.

2. **Special Exception for Funeral Home/5:30 Public Hearing – Henry Yawn –** Mr. Yawn explained there was a public hearing that took place at 5:30 before the Council meeting for a special exception for a funeral home at 202 Tifton Road. He said some questions were about parking overflow, traffic, and pedestrians crossing the state highway. Chief Edwards explained any substantial delays, thirty minutes or more, on a state highway have to have D.O.T. approval. Mayor Richbourg asked about parking and said we would need something from the D.O.T. about that. Mr. Yawn deferred to John Reynolds about any waste that goes into the City sewer system. John said Lovein Funeral Home's waste goes into a septic tank and Black and Son's waste goes in the City system. Michael Acree of Acree Mortuary in Fitzgerald introduced himself and explained his desire to use the building at 202 Tifton Road owned by Judy Singletary. He said the Secretary of State requirements are for the building to be large enough to house eight adult caskets, a room to seat a minimum of thirty individuals and a backflow preventer which would prevent contaminated water from going back in the public drinking water. He said 90% of services would be handled at a local church and the majority of what takes place in the funeral home are viewings and if it were someone they anticipated a large group for, they would encourage a local church. He briefly explained a little of his practice in Fitzgerald. He said when he applies for his license, the State will perform a site visit to check the inside space and parking space. He also said Mrs. Singletary owns the property across the street and behind it and told him he could use that space for overflow parking and additional access. Mayor Richbourg asked if the State has requirements where the parking is concerned and Mr. Acree said they do not and they are more concerned about the space on the inside. Mayor Richbourg asked him if he thinks there is enough space in this location and he answered yes. Mayor Richbourg said we need to wait on the answer from the D.O.T. and from the State inspection. Mr. Acree said he cannot apply to the State until it is zoned correctly. Mr. Henry said the current zoning is RP which is Residential/Professional and in order to do this, Council would have to approve it. Mayor Richbourg asked the City Attorney if it could be approved subject to the approval of the items in question. Billy Retterbush asked about the backflow preventer and who pays for that. Mr. Acree explained it would be his expense and he would have it installed. Mr. Henry said John Reynolds would need to approve it after installation. Billy Retterbush made a motion to approve the exception upon approval of the items in question. Walt seconded the motion. Scott Stalnaker and Eric Gaither voted

against it. Scott Stalnaker said he would like to see a draft of the parking as it was presented to the Planning Commission along with the D.O.T. response. The Mayor postponed the item until the next meeting and asked Mr. Acree to bring those items to the next meeting in order to make a decision.

3. **Annual Report of Case Counts & Collections – Lisa Hancock, AD Probation** – Lisa explained a new law governing misdemeanor probation requiring them to present an annual report of the breakdown of the funds collected and the case counts which was given to the Mayor and Council. She said it is the State requiring certain items to be reported in certain ways. She further explained the portion listed as fines, on the report provided, also includes surcharges and if they would like a break down in that category, Vivian Shirah, Clerk of Court, could provide that. {see attachments for copy}
4. **Advanced Disposal Contract – Steve Edwards** – Mr. Edwards with Advanced Disposal explained to the Mayor and Council that Advanced Disposal changed from the automated service once a week to a rear end load providing service over three and a half days per week for better service of which they incurred a cost of approximately \$30,000 and asked for a renewal contract or an addendum to the current contract, currently up in August 2017, to extend it since this change has only been in effect for a year and a half. He explained Advanced Disposal's help during the recent tornado at no charge. He explained they have multiple trucks in case of trucks breaking down and extra drivers to handle the service and they have a great relationship with the City. Eric Gaither asked if the City was reimbursed for the waste that was taken to Willacoochee. Mr. Edwards said they looked at different ways to make it right such as a spring cleanup once a year that the City was committed to part of it but Advanced could commit to all of it. He said the way the deep south solid waste agreement reads is it is municipal solid waste but it is actually industrial waste but they will make it right and it is all going to Valdosta now. Billy Retterbush and Eric Gaither asked if we would be able to get a check for it instead of swapping services, to which Mr. Edwards answer yes, and asked if this could be tabled until the full Council is present. Eric Gaither also asked to postpone the vote until the full Council is present. Mayor Richbourg said he would like to have the City Manager present as well as get more information from her and we would postpone it until the next meeting.
5. **Spring Clean Up – Mayor Richbourg** – After very brief discussion, this item was postponed along with the preceding item, number four.

REPORTS

6. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – None.
7. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell gave a brief update on the REDLG loan. He said there was a closing set for February 27th. He said Mrs. Grimes was to send the electronic version of the documents to Adel and he does not think she is going to require those documents between the two municipalities to be approved by USDA. He said she had been out of the office and this date was set because it will take ten to fourteen days after execution due to sending them to her which she will forward to the office of general counsel for their approval and she will then set up the account. He said \$550,000 was the maximum amount but we came in under budget so it will be between \$495,000 to \$496,000 which will be over a ten year amortization with zero interest and hopes to have it funded before the last meeting in March. Mitchell mentioned the (Perkins Subdivision) property under Urban Redevelopment Agency and said John Hunkele prepared a request for a proposal package for solicitation of bid for interest by private enterprise. He said the law requires legal publication in the local paper and he and Mayor Richbourg said we may want to advertise in surrounding papers as well and possibly on the City's website and GMA's website too. He said the bids would be sealed bids to be opened April 17th.
8. **Department Head's** – Jill reported on the Chili Cook-off that took place February 25th and thanked everyone who participated or attended. She said next year it will take place on the last Saturday in February (2018). She said there were six judges. The overall winner from the judges was Chaparral, crowd favorite from those purchasing tickets was Chaparral, team spirit went to Perfect Pear and the hottest chili was Nashville Fire Department. She mentioned a new business, The Vault owned by Nancy Herring, which is a clothing store, has opened on the square. She also mentioned the sports exhibit is still open in the old courthouse on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 – 4:00.
Chief Edwards mentioned they are in the fourth stage of the FEMA expense grant and has a teleconference on it scheduled on Wednesday for costs incurred in preparation for and aftermath of the storm. He also mentioned the passing of a Lowndes County officer, Deputy Chris Butler, while responding to a call Saturday night and as many officers as possible would be attending the services this Thursday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Walt Steward commended Jill Wise on the Chili Cook-off.

Eric Gaither mentioned the BHS girls' basketball team finished the season and went to the second round of state play-offs.

Billy Retterbush also commended Jill on the Chili Cook-off. He mentioned a call from Keith Stone and concerns about the road width at the new apartment complex on Edgewood. Mitchell said it has a thirty foot right of way with twenty-two foot of pavement, is standard width and has no parking on the side of the street. Mayor Richbourg said it meets standard requirements and is ok as far as the City is concerned.

Jill Wise thanked Alderman Walt Steward for his help in getting the clock on the old courthouse fixed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Scott Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Michael Richbourg

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderwoman Mellisa Watson

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Walter Steward

ATTEST:

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk