

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
MARCH 13, 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, Antonio Carter, Walt Steward and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Acree, Neal Bennett, Kimberly Wood, John Black, Jr, Francine Black, Sam Jones, Therese Markham, Tim Cooper, Will Walden, James Cribb

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 striking item #1 since Mrs. Jenkins could not make the meeting due to sickness. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Special Exception for Funeral Home at 202 Tifton Road – Michael Acree, Acree Mortuary, Fitzgerald, Ga – Henry Yawn** – Mr. Acree presented a layout of a parking plan at the location and the adjacent lot, forgoing parking across the street, due to request from the Council at the previous meeting. He said he can park seventeen (17) cars at the location, designated with black rectangles on the map, thirty (30) vehicles on the adjacent lot and surrounding

property on Dogwood, all owned by the Singletary's, indicated in pink rectangles on the map, with entrance from the Tifton Road with exit onto Dogwood Drive. Mayor Richbourg and Mitchell stated an easement of ingress and egress would not apply since the Singletary's own all the property referred to. Scott Stalnaker said Mrs. Singletary did indicate at the last meeting she would have no objection to this use of the property. Henry Yawn said he spoke with someone at D.O.T. who said they would prefer not to have crossing over the highway and would prefer the exit onto Dogwood Avenue. John Reynolds explained Mr. Acree would have to have a RPZ backflow preventer installed which he would verify the installation of once done and Mr. Acree would then have to have it tested annually by a certified company. Mellisa Watson made a motion for the exception for use of funeral home with the exit onto Dogwood Avenue. Walt Steward seconded the motion. Scott Stalnaker and Billy Retterbush voted yes. Eric Gaither voted no. The motion passed four (4) to (1). {Antonio Carter was late attending meeting and was not present at time of this motion}

2. **Beer and Wine License Application on Pritam Corporation {Paps III} – Mayor Richbourg** – The license application was presented due to change in ownership. Scott Stalnaker made a motion to approve the application. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

3. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mrs. Luke said she received a sampling quote from Michael Klink, with Four Waters Engineering Incorporated, for two (2) years. The quotes are for Tindall Enterprises of Blackshear, Georgia for \$10,884 for WQS per year and \$4,340 for Macro for 2017 and for Advanced Environmental Laboratories (AEL) of Jacksonville Beach, Florida for \$10,580 for WQS per year and \$4,090 for Macro for 2017. AEL is \$858 less but we have used Tindall for years with very good service. Eric Gaither made a motion to go with Tindall because we have used them for years and they are in Georgia but to ask Tindall if they can match the price. The motion is to go with Tindall either way. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mandy said she along with Chief Edwards, John Reynolds and Peter Schultz met with FEMA and GEMA, although we did not have much damage in town from the tornadoes, for a reimbursement grant for overtime, expenses for cleaning storm drains, extra police coverage, and etcetera. They will be meeting or speaking with Chief Edwards every two (2) weeks and we have sixty (60) days from date of that meeting to get the

reimbursement. Mandy said Buck and Steve have been working to get quotes for the new pumper fire truck they previously discussed and were only able to get two (2) quotes. She said she still needs to completely compare them due to the size of the quotes to make sure they are for the same thing but we are looking at over \$200,000 with the difference in these two (2) bids of about \$50,000. Scott Stalnaker said they actually got a couple more but they were so much more above these two (2) so they were discarded. Mandy said the current truck cannot be used for anything else because it will not meet standards and regulations so they will most likely try to sell it on the online auction. Billy Retterbush asked if it would be used in the County as well which Mandy said it would be used only in the City and it has to be replaced or our ISO rating could change. Scott said they are looking at every option to save money. Mayor Richbourg asked if the regional commission might have anything to help. Mandy said she still has to check with GMA for help with financing. Mandy said she received something from the D.O.T. that they are in process of revising some of the existing speed limits within the City to bring them in compliance with present regulations and they have compiled an ordinance for the City to be executed which she needs to get with Chief Edwards and Mitchell to review and hopes to have it ready by the next meeting.

4. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell presented a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and/or City Manager and City Clerk to receive, execute and administer a rural economic development loan under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program through Rural Business-Cooperative Services/RD/USDA and the City of Adel which was discussed at previous meeting on February 27th which would be nunc pro tunc to February 27th. Billy made a motion to adopt the Resolution effective February 27th. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mitchell explained the publication for sealed bids on the Perkins Subdivision property and needs to get with City Manager, Mrs. Luke, on running it in more than just the local paper and more specific details.
5. **Department Head's** – Jill Wise said the Fishing Rode has been set for April 29th and needs volunteers and hopes to have a meeting this Wednesday for those who can attend.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Therese Markham whom lives in the Villa Apartments on Hull Avenue explained problems she has been having with her water. John Reynolds said they had checked it and flushed the pipes. Mayor Richbourg asked if the plumbing of the apartments' had been checked which she said she did not know. He asked her to check on that and come back to the next meeting and she would be listed on the next Agenda. She said she knew the apartment complex did have a problem recently where they removed the outside faucets.

Tim Cooper asked if a street light could be put at 401 Seventh Street and Peter Schultz said he would check if there is a need.

Will Walden and James Cribb asked about being put on the next Agenda to discuss erosion of the drainage ditch in the Meadow Brook Subdivision.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Billy Retterbush asked if the garbage contract was going to be discussed tonight. The City Clerk said Steve Edwards with Advanced Disposal called earlier in the day to see if they were on the Agenda because he would not be able to make it and she told them they were not. Mandy said Sam Jones with Advanced Disposal met with her today and she expressed her concerns and asked him about the Chaparral and Willacoochee issue. Billy asked to put it out for bids before the contract ends in July. Mandy said we cannot wait until it runs out and will need to get the RFP in place in order to get bids ahead of time. She said she asked Sam when she spoke with him today what they plan to do because it was a breach of contract when they took the trash to Willacoochee and he said he would get with Steve about it and let her know as soon as he could. She said we have not had any problems with Advanced but she is interested in what they plan to do where that issue is concerned. Mayor Richbourg mentioned putting it on the next Agenda. Billy Retterbush and Mellisa Watson asked about getting the RFP ready to put it out for bids. Walt Steward and Scott Stalnaker said they needed to wait until the next meeting since it was not on the Agenda tonight and all the vendors were not present. Mellisa Watson made a motion to go ahead and get bids out. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion. Walt Steward, Eric Gaither and Antonio Carter voted yes. Scott Stalnaker voted no. The motion passed five (5) to one (1). Mellisa Watson amended her motion to put the bid out for a four (4) year contract. The vote remained five (5) to one (1).

Mayor Richbourg asked Mrs. Luke about bids for surveillance at the City parks and if she had spoken with any other cities about it. She said she spoke with Derek Rowan and he said it would be very expensive and was going to speak with Mayor Richbourg about it. She said he also mentioned the privacy issue of it possibly pointing at residences.

Mayor Richbourg asked Mrs. Luke about health insurance costs for the Mayor and Council. She said if they went on the City's healthcare coverage it would cost about 1 mil of property tax or \$80,000.

Mayor Richbourg asked about the emergency warning system. Mandy said Chief Edwards and Steve Adams have been checking into this and looked at a company of which they were to have a meeting with to try to determine the best route to take. She said Derek Rowan looked at the City's siren along with another guy and it was also briefly mentioned in the meeting with FEMA and GEMA because the City's generator needs to be replaced and they told her there is a grant system for things like that and he was to send her the information to try to apply for it. Mayor Richbourg said he was told by Kimberly Hobbs with the Regional Commission that many instances like what we had, afterwards, FEMA will ask the community for a wish list of items needed. Mayor Richbourg asked Henry Yawn if he had a list together of blighted properties and Mr. Yawn said he will have it for them at the next meeting.

Billy Retterbush said he spoke with Robert Griner, County Commissioner, and he said he would be interested in an emergency warning system county wide and said he would try to get ahold of Mrs. Houston too.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Billy Retterbush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Mellisa Watson 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