

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
July 10, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Keith Stone

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 Walt Steward, Scott Stalnaker, Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter, Billy Retterbush and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Shaw, Rodrick Smith, Keith Stone, Doug Hendrix, Joye Bennett, Connie Varn

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Affidavit and Resolution for June 26, 2017 Executive Session – Mitchell Moore** – Eric Gaither made a motion to approve the Resolution. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
2. **FY 2018 Budget – Mandy Luke** – Mrs. Luke said the budget workshop was June 26th and the budget is available this week at City Hall and on the City's website. She said the adoption of the FY 2018 budget will take place at the regular meeting scheduled on July 24th and asked if anyone had any questions.
3. **Tennis Court Maintenance – Billy Retterbush** – Mr. Retterbush said someone has cut two large holes in one of the nets and asked about replacing it. He also mentioned they may need to discuss if a sealer needs to be applied to the courts since they have been redone. Scott Stalnaker made a motion to replace the net. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **Cemetery Issues – Walt Steward** – Mr. Steward said there seems to be a question as to who owns Griner Cemetery on Jackson Street although the City has been maintaining the grass. He said there is also a problem with people

disrespecting it. There was general discussion on Griner Cemetery and of the title to the property not established by deed records and discussion to find references in old newspaper for indication of ownership.

REPORTS

5. **City Manager's/Finance Director's Report** – Mrs. Luke said she received a request from Angie Hughes with the Perry Dorsey Memorial Library stating Gail Benjamin has served maximum term on the board and she submitted the names of Bebe Cox or Gail Melton for replacement. The Mayor and Council said they would like the Library to contact each of them to see if either is interested and make that decision. Regarding the REDLG, Mandy said she picked up a check from City of Adel last Friday, which has been deposited in the City's account, along with a payment schedule. She said we have to pay our portion of the attorney fees they incurred which is \$3,190 along with a 1% administrative fee and once that is done, it is settled until time for payments to commence. Mandy said the water department needs a new truck to replace the blue Ford Ranger so John needs to get bids on a new truck which he will drive and pass his down as replacement. Scott Stalnaker made a motion to take the low bid for a plain, 2 wheel-drive, V-8 truck. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
6. **City Attorney's Report** – Mitchell presented the tower lease agreement with the accepted changes for signature by the Mayor and City Manager. He said he is still trying to get the contracts on the radio read meters. Regarding the Perkins Subdivision bids, he said he received John Hunkele's grading on the responsiveness to the bid proposal and will submit a copy along with copies of the bids to the Mayor and Council for review in order to discuss at the next Council meeting. He also mentioned the GEFA modification has been submitted and the TEA agreement has been executed and submitted. Mitchell stated John Hunkele said they are currently ahead of schedule on the WinFab project so that may be completed earlier than originally thought.
7. **Department Head's** – Henry Yawn said they have started renting some of the apartments at Griner Gardens. He also mentioned he still gets a lot of complaints of the number of items at the cemeteries. Mayor Richbourg agreed it is a problem for the mowers and weed eaters and we need to have a work session on it. Jill Wise mentioned Fantastic Fridays and the water balloon fights in Connie's Childrens Park. She also said they have partnered with Berrien Ga Rocks where painted rocks are hidden, found and re-hidden. She said there will be rock painting for the children in the Community Center on July 21st. She said the fire truck will be at the last one on July 28th to spray the kids. She also mentioned a marketing video Watson's Pools has posted on Face Book and encouraged everyone to look at it. Peter Schultz said the Perkins tobacco barns on Enigma Highway are in the process of getting connected to gas. He also said they are working as hard as they can on keeping everything mowed but one of the biggest problems in the cemeteries are the benches. Chief Edwards explained his response to media inquiry on the chaos surrounding the 4th of July event at Beetree Park. He further described fighting, the use of at least one personal Taser device, the use of pepper spray, numerous intoxicated individuals and pandemonium among the crowd. He explained lack of cooperation by witnesses which resulted in the primary participants remaining unidentified with no arrests made. He said despite the City having cleaned the

parks Thursday, June 29th, and Monday, July 3rd, before the July 4th festivities, there were a large number of beer and liquor bottles in the park area. He requests any future community events held at the park cease at dark or prior to. Chief Edwards advised the Mayor and Council he will be attending a Chief's Training Conference July 22 through July 26 and will not be available for the July 24th Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keith Stone of Edgewood explained a problem of people running the stop sign near Griner Gardens asking for a speed bump on Hull Avenue. Scott Stalnaker told him he would need seventy percent (70%) of the people on the street to sign a petition requesting a speed bump. Mr. Stone also said there are a couple of cars which remain parked near the stop sign at Hull and Edgewood impeding vision and said he had already spoken with the apartment manager about it. Chief Edwards said he would check into it.

Bryan Shaw reported the Historical Preservation Commission approved a signage application for Shoppes on Davis today. He also mentioned a problem with people parking on the new brick cross walk at the corner of the courthouse.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mellisa Watson commended the Fire Department on the fireworks and Jill on Fantastic Fridays.

Billy Retterbush echoed Mellisa's compliments.

Scott Stalnaker complemented the fireworks that took place at Beetree Park. Mr. Stalnaker asked if a decision had been made on the raises in the new budget. Mandy Luke commented on job performance and those on probation or part time and there was a brief discussion on it.

Mayor Richbourg asked about grants for purchases versus using funds in savings and interest earned on savings.

Scott Stalnaker asked about the budget on new vehicles for the police department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Scott Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Billy Retterbush 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 Stalaker

Alderman Walter Steward

ATTEST:

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk