

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
FEBRUARY 24, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Freddie Stone

PLEDGE: Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

WELCOME: Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Taylor Scarbrough, Aldermen Scott Stalnakar, Billy Retterbush, Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter and John Clayton

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

OTHERS INVOLVED: Dennis Eller, Cindy Knight, Bonnie Simmons, Rodrick Smith, Wayne May, Lester Ross

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

Billy Retterbush made a motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting(s). Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA:

Scott Stalnakar made a motion to adopt the formal agenda. John Clayton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Introduction of New Code Enforcement Officer (Loren Williams) – Chief Edwards:** Chief Edwards introduced Loren Williams as the new Code Enforcement Officer and explained she would begin the first of three (3) sessions of training in Savannah the following week.
- 2. City Hay Field/Spray Field – Dennis Eller/Quality Hay LLC:** In reference to the Hay Harvest Contract between the City of Nashville and Quality Hay, LLC, Mr. Eller contended that he suffered a loss of twenty-eight (28) acres of harvestable hay from a fire in September 2019 which he contended was caused by City employees. Mr. Eller contended the fire was caused by City employees burning debris on the Spray Field site. He asserted his loss was based upon twenty-eight (28) acres at four (4) rolls per acre and \$50.00 per roll plus additional monies for weed control due to the fire loss. Mr. Eller said he had submitted his claim to the City Attorney and he was not satisfied with the response and wanted to go before the Council. A discussion followed between, City Attorney Mitchell Moore, Water Superintendent John Reynolds and Mr. Eller that the original claim submitted by Mr. Eller to John Reynolds was for thirty (30) acres of hay at four rolls per acre for a total of 240 bales at \$45.00 per bale since Mr. Eller originally

asserted he lost two (2) cuttings so his loss was originally \$10,800. Mr. Moore advised Mr. Eller he would have to document his claim in order for Mr. Moore to submit the claim to the Council and the insurer. Mr. Moore also advised that the City had obtained the burn permit for August 21st, almost a month before the fire loss occurred, so there was some question how the fire actually started. Mr. Eller confirmed that he was no longer submitting a loss for two (2) cuttings nor was he expecting a check from the City but would accept a reduction of the 2020 rental by the agreed upon amount of the fire loss. After a discussion of how Mr. Eller arrived at his claim of loss, Billy Retterbush made a motion for a one-time deduction of \$6,640.00 from lease payment of \$11,253.00 due on or before March 15, 2020 due to loss as a result of a fire. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

- 3. Affidavit and Resolution for Executive Session of February 10, 2020 – Mitchell Moore, City Attorney:** Eric Gaither made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution and Affidavit. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

REPORTS:

City Manager's/Finance Director's Report – Mandy Luke:

None.

City Attorney's Report – Mitchell Moore, Attorney:

Mr. Moore reported on the NURA project that the additional information was provided by Affordable Equity Partners on the bid proposal addressing the value of the real estate and projected dates concerning the tax credit program explaining applications are due in May and if selected, after the evaluation period by DCA between June to November 2020, the anticipated completion period may be approximately two (2) years.

Mr. Moore mentioned due to recent resignations of the Nashville Historic Preservation Commission, the Council would need to considered replacements for the vacancies. The Mayor said he would like to discuss that in the first meeting of March.

Mr. Moore also reported he is working on the response to the Auditors for the Attorney letter to complete the FY 2019 Audit.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Edwards reported on the rain forecast.

Jill Wise reminded the group of the Chili Cook-off on February 29th at Connie's Children's Park, 11:00-2:00. She also mentioned the Rules on Tax Credit and anyone with an interest or need should contact her.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Cindy Knight asked the status of a house across from her residence that has already been to court and the owner was court ordered to make the necessary repairs to bring it to code. Henry Yawn, code enforcement, explained the abandoned part had been torn down and they reviewed it today and will have to make contact with the owner again which may result in the issue going back to court. The Mayor asked for an update at the next meeting.

Bonnie Simmons asked about missing items at her cemetery plot. Peter Schultz spoke with her about coming to the warehouse to pick up the items.

Rodrick Smith asked if something could be done to draw more attention to the stop signs at the four (4) way stop intersection behind Hardee's. Peter Schultz explained the requirements of the D.O.T. specifications and he will see about repainting the stop strips/bars with reflective glass beads. Mr. Smith also mentioned a community event taking place Saturday at his business asking about blocking off a certain section of the road for the safety of the children. Chief Edwards asked him to call him the next day and they would get it worked out.

Wayne May mentioned the new metal awning at Our Place Hotel commenting on how nice it looks. Mr. May also asked if the Mayor has an office of City Hall yet. Scott Stalnaker said when the auditors are completely finished and the conference room is cleared of those items, they are looking to have him use that space as there are no vacant offices available. Mr. May also commented on the Council's decision pertaining to the item presented at this meeting regarding a deduction on the Hay Harvest contract between Quality Hay and the City.

Lester Ross complained about water/sewer tap fees regarding a meter that was removed on a property he owns that had not been used in several years. John Reynolds, explained the policy on the issue. The Council decided on a work session on March 9th prior to the next Council meeting

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Scott Stalnaker reminded everyone of the Angels Among Us Charity Walk on March 21st.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to conduct, Scott Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. John Clayton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderman Walt Steward

Alderman John Clayton

ATTEST:

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk