

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
February 23, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Nashville met on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber for the regular monthly meeting.

Presiding Officer Mayor Billy Ray Jones called the meeting to order.

Jimmy Dale led the Council in prayer.

Dale Pierces led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, all members were present. Others in attendance were Nashville News, Nashville Leader, SW Arkansas Radio, City Attorney Chesshir, Ty Basiliere and City Clerk Woodruff.

Jimmie Lou Kirkpatrick made a motion to accept minutes with one change to the voting for lift station pumps and was seconded by Carol Mitchell. There were 12 yeas and 0 nays.

Jimmy Dale presented financials and explained the extraordinary expenses. Jimmy stated that there were and always has been a lot of once a year payments in January such as workman's compensation and insurances. With there being no questions Monica Clark made a motion to accept the financials with a second by Matt Smith. There were 12 yeas and 0 nays.

Public Works Director, Larry Dunaway told the council that the leaf machine he had gotten permission to buy in January he purchased for \$10,500.00 rather than the \$11,500.00 he originally thought. Larry gave an update on the Hwy. Departments project on Peachtree St. The Mayor stated that some people thought this was going to happen immediately and Larry stated it would probably be 3 years before all the legwork and paperwork was finished. He updated the council on the lift station and told them he had 2 quotes for pumps. One was for \$50,626.00 and the other for \$61,575.00. The higher quote is for the Flight pumps that he feels would be the most beneficial. The upfront cost is more but the long term is more cost effective. Larry stated that the City had just spent \$9,400.00 on the Deerwood lift station and that he hoped it would run for a while like it is. He stated that he would really like to standardize to all Flight pumps at the lift stations. Larry told Council Member Wright that he has mailed a letter to the Hwy Dept in regards to guard rails for Coleman Creek and was waiting on them to get back with him.

Chief Pierce had no significant reports and said that all seems to be going smooth at the police department. Matt Smith asked if he was going to buy a new vehicle this year and Mayor Jones stated that he thinks the Police Dept should go with a Tahoe and get away from the Chryslers. Chief Pierce stated that he had already had to replace the steering column in 2 police cars, one at \$2,800.00 and one at \$2,400.00 and have numerous recalls on several more.

Jerry Harwell told the council that the sirens were up, had been tested and were working well. He stated that we are waiting on a part for the siren under the water tower. Jerry stated the the County now has Code Red and encouraged everyone to sign up to be notified if a tornado is coming. He stated that he had mailed letters to 19 of 32 properties to be cleaned up.

Next was Wendy with an update for the park. She stated that the basketball season had wrapped up and the park had come in \$1,229.00 income over expenses. The maintenance crew nearly has the Futrell Field finished up and the gates and fences are nearly finished. She asked for approval to apply for a grant to do local advertising. She stated that she needed the City to commit to \$1,650.00 for the Golden Gathering and \$3,325.00 for the DinoFest to apply for a grant through Arkansas Parks and Tourism. If awarded this grant she will be able to use local advertising and be reimbursed 2/3. Monica Clark made a motion to allow Wendy to apply for the grant and Carol Mitchell seconded. It passed with a 12 for and 0 against. The Council committed to putting and holding the necessary funds needed for the grant. She stated that she had sent in a reimburse request for \$40,000.00. Wendy told the Council the Nashville Park had won 2nd Runner up at the Conference she had just attended for the DinoFest tabloid they had put together.

Next on the agenda was a petition from the neighborhood on Park St to put a speed bump. After some discussion Mike Milam made a motion to put a speedbump on Park St., it died for a lack of a second. The next thing on the agenda was Ord #820, better known as the Peddlers Permit Ordinance. The City recently had an extremely pushy and aggressive company come in and scared a lot of our elderly. After much discussion it was suggested that our city attorney just remove section 4 which allowed people to sell door to door. Next Resolution number 2015-16, 2016 Budget, had to be amended as when the budget was made there was a \$93,000.00 bond payment left out of the expenses. The amendment only affected the expense line item in General and the bottom line total. After Clerk Woodruff read the resolution Carol Mitchell made a motion to pass and Joe Hoen seconded. Next the Mayor asked how everyone felt about moving the council meeting to noon. It was shut down rather quickly.

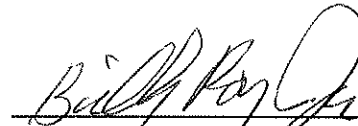
Freddy Horn spoke next and told the Council that the Park Commission had hired Wendy Harris as the new park director with a salary of \$38,000.00 per year. Wendy has been Interim Director since the resignation of Nikki Cherry. Matt Smith made a motion to go into executive session on a personnel matter and Joe Hoen seconded. They went into executive session at 7:20 and at 8:08 the Mayor called it back into regular session. Nick Davis made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Park Commission and hire Wendy Harris as Park Director. On roll call vote there were 8 yeas and 4 no's, those being Carol Mitchell, Donna Harwell, Joe Hoen and Matt Smith. Motion passes.

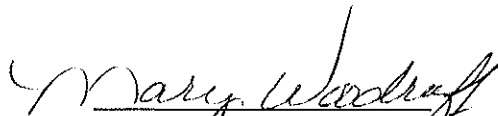
In going around the table Andy Anderson stated that he had received a letter about his grandson's car on Mt Pleasant Dr. He asked who was qualified to make the decision in regards to what qualified as total disrepair. The Mayor asked if it was sitting in the yard on flats and Andy stated that it had one flat and that it had been aired up. Andy stated that the ordinance needed some work to make it clearer.

With there being no further business James Parker made a motion to adjourn with Jimmie Lou Kirkpatrick seconding. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Passed this 22nd day of March, 2016

ATTEST:


Billy Ray Jones, Mayor


Mary Woodruff, City Clerk