

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS ON
July 22, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Nashville met on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Financial Director Jimmy Dale led the Council in prayer.

Mayor Jones led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

On roll call 10 members answered as their names were called. Alderman Milum and Alderwoman Harwell were absent.

Other persons present were Parks Director Nikki Cherry, Code Enforcement Officer David Johnson, Police officer Ty Basialiere, Financial Dir. Jimmy Dale, Public Works Director Larry Dunaway, Louie Graves w/ Nashville Leader, Charles Goodin w/ Nashville News, and Jonathan Canady w/ SWArk Radio. City Officials Clerk Liz McDaniel, Mayor Billy Ray Jones, and Attorney George Steel presided.

After a review of the June 24, 2014 minutes, Alderwoman Mitchell made a motion to accept the minutes and Alderwoman Clark seconded. On roll call vote the motion passed with all yeas and no nays. (10-0)

Next Financial Director started out by saying, "This is one of those months I told you we'd have one of these day and we had it this month. Our expenses exceeded our revenue by \$136,000 and if you look at the attached sheet it will tell you what it's all about." The sheet read as follows:

Extraordinary Expense June 2014:

There was an extra payroll this month which created an extra expense of \$88,818.00.

General Fund Expense:

\$28,808.00 Purchased a new Police car. York Gary
\$ 3,255.00 New Police officer outfitted. Cruse Uniforms
\$ 7,972.00 New Air Conditioners at the Fire Station. Southwest Refrigeration
\$29,000.00 Basketball Courts @Park. Tomco (1/2 to be refunded)

Street Fund Expense:

\$ 5,435.00 New Construction. Ackley Engineers

\$882,985.00 Wastewater Construction. Heritage Const. and J&R Contractors (All moneys paid by USDA. Just to keep you informed. YTD expense \$2,115,153.00)

Electric utilities were higher this month due to drier weather. We pumped from the river in order to keep lakes full. Not out of budget, just higher than usual.

Franchise Fee Expense:

3 transfers. 1) \$30,000.00 Operating for General, 2) \$29,000.00 for matching Park Grant 3) \$3,000.00 to Animal Control for operating.

Park Activity Expense:

\$ 6,211.00 Dino Fest (Trophies, Security, Umpires)

\$31,006.00 Ronnie Woods Wildlife Trail. Branch Construction (Grant Funded)

The above should account for the overage this month. We occasionally have these months, and fortunately they don't occur often. All of the ordinary expenses were down for the month so we are on the right track in holding down expenses. The timing of the payroll situation and the Park matching grant created the main problems, but half the Park grant will ultimately be coming back.

Alderwoman Wright made a motion to accept the financials and Alderwoman Clark seconded. On roll call vote the motion passed with all yeas and no nays. (10-0).

Next PWD Larry Dunaway spoke on various projects. He stated the new river pump is pumping at 7.0 MGD, but until a curve is set that is an estimate.

The Sewer Plant project is going as expected and they are making progress except the excessive rain slows them down because of the muddy conditions.

Regarding the project at the Water Treatment Plant on cleaning out the sludge ponds, more soil samples are being required for now.

On the Spillway Rehab Project at the City Lake, He stated he had a meeting with Mr. Sweeney of the Arkansas Resource Commission and all the paperwork is together and it's moving forward.

Larry then discussed the desire of the Water Office personnel to start taking online bill payments and over the phone by debit card payments. They are looking into all the different companies who provide the service.

There was then discussion about the City buying a building at the Box Factory site.

Alderman Smith suggested the City buy the whole property consisting of 4 buildings for \$270,000.00 instead of one building for \$55,000.00. After discussion regarding the other projects the City is working on, of which Larry had just discussed, there was a general feeling that wouldn't be a good idea. Mayor Jones stated he was buying the other 2 buildings just to get the deal done and if the City wants to buy it all it would "tickle him to death." He stated the property owner is ready to sell and "I told Randy Ray, of Ray Reality, to ask him if I buy my part and give the City and County 6 months to buy theirs

if he would go along with it". The City is waiting to see how much the grant is going to pay.

Code Enforcement Officer David Johnson is next on the agenda. He stated the City had finally talked to someone regarding a house next to Jimmy Dale on 9th Street. He said that someone is trying to get the mortgage and get it cleaned up. Fanny Mae and Freddie Mac currently have the mortgage.

Nikki Cherry then gave a report on the events at the Park. She reported that bids are out for the concrete tier bleachers at the Baseball complex with a deadline of August 5th, 2014. The Ronnie K Woods pavilion construction is underway and coming along nicely. She told the Council about the Park taking a direct lightning strike and all the damage it did to the phones, computers, new surveillance cameras, and other damage. Other topics she discussed are new metal light poles, the last baseball tournament, fall soccer, planning of Golden Gathering, and other fall activities. Mayor Jones then appointed and swore in Alderman James Parker to serve the vacancy left by Sheila Pinson on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Jones then states that in 2016 he would like to start doing some paving and there was open discussion regarding potholes, etc.

Alderman Parker motions to adjourn and Alderwoman Gathright seconds. Mayor Jones adjourns at 6:51 p.m.

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Passed and approved this ___22nd___ day of ___July_____, 2014.

ATTEST:

Billy Ray Jones, Mayor

Liz McDaniel, Treasurer/ City Clerk