

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS ON
June 28, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Nashville met on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

The Council was led in prayer by Financial Director Jimmy Dale.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Mayor Jones, roll call of the Council Members was completed with 11 members answering as their names were called: Alderman Smith arrived later.

Other persons present at the meeting were, City Attorney George Steel, Public Works Director Larry Dunaway, Nikki Cherry Park Director, City Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth McDaniel, Finance Director Jimmy Dale, Ty Basilere, wife of Sanitation Supervisor Lisa Young, Kadem Ray, Freddy Horn, Code Enforcement Officer David Johnson, Charles Goodin w/ Nashville News, Louie Graves w/ Nashville Leader, and Jonathan Canady w/ Southwest Arkansas Radio.

Minutes of the May 24, 2011 Council meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Alderman Brown to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Harwell. On roll call vote the minutes were approved with all yeas and no nays. (11-0)

The Financial Statement for May, 2011 was presented by Financial Director Jimmy Dale and reviewed. Mr. Dale said the expenses exceeded the revenue by approximately \$5,400 which was due to several things. The Fire Department bought a camera for \$7,312, a grant match for the Park of \$15,900 was made for the soccer field restroom, and we paid the last installment of \$ 4,610 to L & D Engineering for the Sewer plant project evaluation. Also, the City had to pay two different times for chemicals which treat water at the water treatment. He stated that overall everything looks well.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Wright to accept the financials for May, 2011 and seconded by Alderwoman Mitchell. On roll call vote the financials passed with all yeas and no nays (12-0)

Next, Larry Dunaway gave his report on the Water and Sewer projects. He said that regarding the Sewer Plant project, all the paperwork has been sent to Washington and is being reviewed by the Federal USDA to see how much funding we will get. He stated that we have all 4 aerators at the sewer plant running. We bought 3 new ones and replaced a couple of the old ones which has helped with the ammonia levels. The new aerators cost will work into the new project and were something we had to have.

The river pump station project is on hold but the Arkansas Department of Health has sent a concurrence letter agreeing on the Preliminary Report which can be changed once we get through the WWAC (Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee) who has to give their stamp of approval. At that time, the Proposed Project goes back to the Health Department for final approval. Economic Development has agreed to the grant money on the project but is waiting for WWAC and ADH.

He stated that the price of pipe and oil is coming down now and will cut in half the cost of the project. The bid package is almost together and everything is about to fall into place.

Next on the agenda, Nikki Cherry stated that during the of May, the first weekend there was the Dinosaur Festival and 36 teams on the softball side, the second weekend they had 29 teams on the baseball side, and many other baseball tournaments and other events bringing many people to Nashville which helps the economy. The Park is up in revenue for 2011 and more ball games than any other year.

Nikki and the Mayor then discussed \$104,000 that's left over from a grant to put in 2 playgrounds at the park. If we put the playgrounds in it will cost the \$104,000 but we will get half of it back in matching funds. The grant has been extended 6 times and at this time, we need to either give back the \$100,000 and loose the \$50,000, or use it for the playgrounds. The Mayor expressed his desire to use the money and put in the playgrounds.

Alderman Brown made a motion to use the money for the playgrounds. The motion was seconded by Alderman Davis. On roll call vote, the motion passed with all yeas and no nays (12-0).

Next on the agenda was David Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer, who spoke on different properties the City has cleaned up, the properties that were scheduled to be burned but postponed because of the burn-ban.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 909 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 792- AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A REVISED AND UPDATED PERSONNEL POLICY FOR THE CITY OF NASHVILLE - which was tabled until a later date was voted on. Motion was made by Alderman Smith to pass Ordinance 909 and seconded by Alderwoman Kirkpatrick. On roll call vote the motion passed with all yeas and no nays (12-0). Motion was made by Alderman Brown to suspend the rules and put Ordinance No. 909 on its third and final reading. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kirkpatrick. On roll call vote, Ordinance NO. 909 passed with all yeas and no nays (12-0).

Mayor Jones and Larry Dunaway spoke on the paving of Main Street project and fixing the tornado warning sirens.

Alderman Brown made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kirkpatrick and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Mayor Billy Ray Jones

ATTEST:

Liz McDaniel, City Clerk-Treasurer