

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
March 28, 2022**

The City Council of the city of Nashville met on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 12:00 noon for the regular monthly meeting. Mayor Billy Ray Jones called the meeting to order. The prayer was led by Nick Davis with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Amy Marion.

Ten council members were present with Monica Clark entering at 12:20. Those present were Freddie Horn, Joe Hoen, Donna Harwell, Nick Davis, Monica Clark, Vivian Wright, Will Turley, Kay Gathright, Herbert Turley and Kathy Combs. Others in attendance were Kimberly Green, David Riggs, Brent Pinkerton (SWAR Radio), Louis Graves (Nashville Leader), Larry Dunaway, J.T. Thornton and Meghan Floyd.

Motion was made by Hoen, seconded by Harwell to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2022 meeting. Motion passed.

Kimberly Green gave the financial report for February 2022. City sales tax increased by 44% over last year; County sales tax increased 35% over last year.

Extraordinary expenses were:

Capital Outlay: \$66,022.72 – Payments #5 of 4th St Sidewalk project

\$17,049.00 Payment #6 for 4th St. Sidewalk project (final payment)

Franchise: Transfer to Street \$4,600.00 ; Water \$20,500; Street for Sidewalk project \$76,022.00

Motion was made by Harwell and seconded by Hoen to approve the financial report. Motion passed.

Parks and Recreation report was made by Meghan Floyd . Some of the equipment used on the ballfields is in need of repair. The park spent \$10,200 for a golf club car that was refitted to use. There is a plan in process to put up some equipment for auction and purchase a Kawasaki mule. The baseball/softball program has 274 kids registered. April 9 is the date for the annual egg hunt and the baseball jamboree.

Police Chief Amy Marion reported that Hector Cortez has been hired as the new school resource officer and started in this position today. Also, the Chamber of Commerce has requested that the city close a portion of Main Street for the Peach Blossom Festival the first weekend in May.

Justin Thornton, fire chief, presented a proposal with four options on purchasing 3 new storm sirens for the city to close the gaps in the sound coverage. These will be purchased using the COVID Relief Fund. Motion by Horne, seconded by Clark, to purchase option A1 which includes 3 Sentry Model 16VT-B sirens on 2 8-HP motors installed on wooden poles for a cost of \$101,850.00. Motion passed

David Riggs, Code Enforcement officer, presented a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to grant a special use permit to Ashley Smith, 716 W. Sybert, for a hair salon. Motion by Hoen, seconded by Gathright, to accept the recommendation. Motion passed 8-2 (Horne and Davis voting nay).

Public Works Director, Larry Dunaway reported to the council that the sidewalk project was complete. He said bids are not yet open for the next phase.

Mayor Jones explained to the council that the interconnection fee for the solar array to connect with SWEPCO has changed from the original estimate and proposal. It is about \$87,000 more than expected. McKinstry has agreed to split this extra cost 50/50 with the city in order to avoid refinancing the debt and incurring more financing fees and extending the loan two more years. Motion was made by Harwell, seconded by Davis, to accept this proposal. Motion passed 9-1 (Hoen voting nay).

Mayor Jones referred to the settlement statement in the packets and explained the purchase of the property for the solar array. Motion to approve purchasing this property by Davis, seconded by William Turley. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn at 1:12.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2022

Mayor Billy Ray Jones

City Clerk Carol Mitchell