

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS NOVEMBER 22, 2021

The City Council of the city of Nashville met on Monday, November 22, 2021 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, the pledge was led by Police Chief Amy Marion

Seven council members were present at roll call: Joe Hoen, Donna Harwell, Nick Davis, Will Turley, Kay Gathright, James Parker and Mike Milum. Monica Clark joined at 12:10 and Freddie Horne joined at 12:55. Also present were department heads and the press.

Motion was made by Turley, seconded by Hoen to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and the two special meetings in November. Motion passed.

Financial reports were presented by financial director Kimberly Green. Extraordinary expenses for October were:

General: American Rescue Plan (COVID relief) \$69,300.00 employee premium pay

Franchise: Transfer to street \$1200.00

Sales tax for City increased by 11% and county increased by 4% over October 2020.

Parks director Meghan Floyd presented a report on the park department. The basketball jamboree brought in \$852.00 at the door and \$827.00 at concessions. The basketball program will proceed from November 29, 2021 thru February 22, 2022. The Christmas light display will be completed by December 1. Nashville Elementary school will have a display also in the park.

Police Chief Marion reported nothing unusual in the police department but was available for questions.

Fire Chief Justin Thornton reported nothing unusual in the fire department but was available for questions.

Code Enforcement director David Riggs presented three resolutions to the council to declare a nuisance on properties at 216 E. Thomas St; 1215 S. Ansley St; and 1301 S. Hutchinson St. Motion was made by Joe Hoen and seconded by James Parker to pass Resolution 2021-12 (216 E. Thomas St./ Annie Harris, owner). Motion passed. Motion made by Joe Hoen, seconded by James Parker to pass Resolution 2021-13 (1215 S. Ansley St./ Carl Atkins, owner). Motion passed. Motion was made by Joe Hoen, seconded by Will Turley to pass Resolution 2021-14 (1301 S. Hutchinson St. / McKenley Muchell, owner). Motion passed.

Larry Dunaway, public works director reported that the bridge contractor has located beams for the Mt. Pleasant Bridge project and will be contacting the city about a start date on that project. The Christmas tree will be put up this week on Main Street close to College street. The Christmas parade is scheduled for December 3. Ordinances were presented to the council for approval that will increase the water revenue to help with that budget shortfall.

Ordinance # 965: Amendment to Ordinance No. 953 was presented increasing water rates effective January 1, 2022. Ordinance was read. Motion by Monica Clark, seconded by Kay Gathright to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 965 on its final reading. Motion passed. Ordinance 965 was read by title. Motion made by Monica Clark, seconded by Kay Gathright to pass Ordinance 965. Motion passed.

Ordinance # 966: An Ordinance to set sewer rates for the city of Nashville, Arkansas, was presented increasing sewer rates effective January 1, 2022. Ordinance was read. Motion by Monica Clark, seconded by Joe Hoen to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 966 on its final reading. Motion passed. Ordinance 966 was read by title. Motion made by Monica Clark, seconded by Joe Hoen to pass Ordinance 966. Motion passed.

Ordinance # 967: An ordinance to amend Section 5.20.04 solid waste collection of the Nashville Municipal code in order to revise rates for special curbside pickup.... was presented increasing pickup rates effective January 1, 2022. Ordinance was read. Motion by Monica Clark, seconded by Joe Hoen to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 967 on its final reading. Motion passed. Ordinance 967 was read by title. Motion made by Monica Clark, seconded by Joe Hoen to pass Ordinance 967. Motion passed.

Ordinance #968 : An ordinance amending the Nashville Municipal code section 10.04.01 water ordinance 674 Water Meter Deposits, was presented increasing meter deposits for rental property. After discussion this ordinance was tabled to be revised and presented again at a later meeting.

Ordinance # 969: An ordinance to rezone certain tract in Nashville to Industrial, was presented to rezone Parcel 750-00435-0090 from Highway Commercial to Industrial at the request of EEP Holdings, LLC. Ordinance was read. Motion by Monica Clark, seconded by Donna Harwell to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 969 on its final reading. Motion passed. Ordinance 969 was read by title. Motion made by Joe Hoen, seconded by Will Turley to pass Ordinance 969. Motion passed.

Mayor Jones presented his recommendation of Herbert Turley to fill the vacancy of Ward 5 Position 2 alderman. Motion was made and seconded to accept the mayor's recommendation. Motion passed.

Mayor Jones presented the numbers for the 2022 proposed budget that will be formally voted on next meeting.

The council was asked if moving the December meeting to December 20th would be in order due to the holiday season. No objections we noted so the meeting will be held December 20th at noon.

Motion to adjourn at 1:05

Signed this _____, 2021.

Mayor Billy Ray Jones

City Clerk Carol Mitchell