

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS ON
July 24, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Nashville met on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 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, roll call was given with 8 answering as their name was called. Alderman Smith, Alderwoman Gathright, and Alderman Anderson were absent. Alderman Brown came in late after roll call, passing of minutes, and passing of financials.

Other persons present were, City Attorney Nate Steel, Public Works Director Larry Dunaway, Finance Director Jimmy Dale, Code Enforcement Officer David Johnson, Joe Scoggins, DeWayne Holloway w/ Nashville News, Jonathan Canady w/ Southwest Arkansas Radio, and Louie Graves w/Nashville Leader.

After a review of the June 26, 2012 minutes, a motion was made by Alderwoman Wright and seconded by Alderwoman Mitchell to accept the minutes. On roll call vote, the motion passed with all yeas and no yeas. (8-0).

Financial Director Dale gave this report:

Extraordinary Expense – June, 2012

There were only two expenses that were out of the ordinary monthly bills.

1. 01-5-100-5534 River Pump Project \$7513.00
This is handled by SWAPD in Magnolia. They receive a requisition from Cossatot Builders and make a deposit in a Magnolia Bank and then write a check on that same bank for the amount to pay to the contractor. This expense has a corresponding Revenue figure to offset it.
2. 03-5-000-5650 Capital Outlay \$4496.54
Engineering paid to Highway Dept. for work on Stop lights at Main and Isaac Perkins and Isaac Perkins and Mine St.

This month should be the last month that we have the \$10,000.00 deduction for the Sales Tax rebate. Water Revenues remain good.

He also stated that regarding our sales tax, the County is up 5% and the City is down 7% because of the \$10,000 expenditure from the previous year. He stated that next month it

will be seen where we put \$40,000 back into General Fund out of Franchise Fund. He said that “we had hoped that when they took the \$10,000 a month out that it would soften the blow and it did, but eventually it caught up with us because we couldn’t afford to lose \$40,000 and we were fooling ourselves to think we couldn’t. “Larry and I thought we wouldn’t miss the \$10,000 a month but that wasn’t the case and we did miss it.” He stated that our sales tax is holding out very well and if we didn’t take the \$10,000 out every month we would be up every month. He stated that our finances are in good shape and that our cash flow is in really good shape which is a blessing.”

Alderwoman Kirkpatrick made a motion to accept the financial report for June, 2012 and it was seconded by Alderwoman Wright. On roll call vote the motion carried with all yeas and no nays (8-0).

Next on the agenda is Larry Dunaway, Public Works Director. He stated that the River Pump shipped yesterday (July 23, 2012) so it should be here tomorrow. “The control panel and the variable speed drive will ship separately. Once the pump gets here, the contractors will be back and start looking at plumbing the discharge side and getting some conduit in the ground. The other 2 pieces will ship shortly and in 4 or 5 weeks we should be able to start pumping water.” He stated that we are doing pretty well for the end of July. We are only 47”s down at the Upper Lake compared to last year when we were down several feet.

Next update, “ we have had several leaks around town with water problems and sewer problems causing a lot of digging around town and after speaking with Gary Hilliard, Distribution Supt., we are going to start pouring since it’s had time to “set-up” and settle so we will get all that back in shape.” He stated that Tony Young has been working prisoners once or twice a week and cleaning up all over town doing different sections every week which is doing a lot of good.

He stated that we are going to be getting some sidewalks rehabilitated and added, in different places. We are working at Sybert and Henderson on putting a culvert in which eventually will go all the way down Henderson getting rid of the big ditch and preparing for a sidewalk.

He added that the railroad tracks on Shepherd Street by Macks Upholstery have been being patched up and are getting rebuilt eventually.

He stated that we have started spraying for mosquitoes again after receiving several calls. He informed the Council that Nashville won the State Drinking Water contest meaning that we have the best tasting water in the state.

Mayor Jones added that our plan is to get a sidewalk all the way from Sybert down 4th Street to the Convenience Store.

There was more discussion regarding mosquito spray and a sprayer which would need to be purchased and Larry stated that it would cost, including labor, around \$23,000.

Mayor Jones asks Larry about the Main Street project and he said he had talked to Jeremy Stone and he said the Highway Department is still waiting on a letter between each other regarding environmental studies of pulling up the sidewalks and replacing them. He said that we’ve done all we need to do and are waiting to go to bid. The west side will have the lights like the rest of Main Street and a few on the East side because of the old service stations.

Mayor Jones asks the Council what they think about the red light at Sharps and after much discussion about the possibility of a flashing yellow light, taking it down all together, or leaving it like it is, they decided to make a flashing yellow light on Main Street and red on the cross street. There was then discussion regarding putting a light on South 4th Street at McDonalds and Brookshire's.

"Regarding the Waste Treatment Plant, we are waiting for a letter from the Health Department and ADEQ for final approval then we will go to bid", stated Dunaway.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was on the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Kirkpatrick to adjourn and seconded by Alderman Parker. Mayor Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2012

Mayor Billy Ray Jones

ATTEST:

Liz McDaniel, City Clerk/Treasurer