

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
MARCH 25, 2019**

City of Nashville, City Council met on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chamber for the regular monthly meeting. Presiding Officer Mayor Billy Ray Jones called the meeting to order, Nick Davis led the prayer and Amy Marion led Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call 10 members were present. Those absent were, Joe Hoen and Jimmie Lou Kirkpatrick. Others in attendance were City Clerk Woodruff, Jonathon Canaday (SW Arkansas Radio) Louie Graves (Nashville Leader), Kimberly Green, Finance Director, Larry Dunaway, Public Works Director, Chief Amy Marion, City Attorney Aaron Brasel, Code Enforcement Officer David Riggs, Heath Harwell and Justin Thornton. After reviewing the minutes from the February meeting Monica Clark made a motion to approve with Vivian Wright making the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Kimberly Green went over the extraordinary expenses for the month of February. She stated that we had made the second of three payments to APERMA, water had a big expense when we had to pay Greg Strawn his sick leave pay in the amount of \$18,574.00 and we had to transfer \$51,500.00 from franchise to water. City sales tax was up by 10% and county was down by 0.24%. With there being no further questions Monica Clark made a motion to approve February financials and Carol Mitchell seconded. Motion passed.

Larry was next on the agenda and asked the council for approval on Ord. # 950 which changed Section 10.04.01 increasing meter deposits from \$75.00 to \$100.00. After some discussion and the mention that there was a typo in regards to the section number in paragraph 1 the motion was made to approve the ordinance once the error was corrected. Monica Clark made the motion to pass with Vivian Wright making the second. Carol Mitchell made a motion to suspend the rules and put the ordinance on its final reading with Donna Harwell making the second. Motion passed. Next Larry discussed the purchase of a truck from York Gary for the distribution crew. He stated that it was a 2014 ¾ ton diesel with 60,000 miles for \$29,059.00. Larry stated that the truck would do everything that the crew needed in regards to pulling other equipment and field work. After some discussion Carol Mitchell made a motion to let Larry purchase the truck and Monica Clark seconded. Motion passed. Next Larry discussed the Spring Clean-Up the City does every year. He stated that the dates would run from 4/27/2019 thru 5/5/2019. Larry stated that would give everyone two full weekends to discard stuff into the bins. Bins will be placed on Collins Rd, at each fire station, CDTC, Coleman St. and Front St. for a total of 6 bins being placed. With there be no further business for Larry he thanked the council for letting him purchase the truck and their time.

Mark Dale was not present due to all the ballgames going on at the park.

Jerry Harwell was next to speak and told the council how many days he had left before retirement. He stated that he would make sure the storm sirens were working when he left and would assist as best he could after his retirement.

Chief Amy Marion had nothing to report to the council other than the PD had purchased its first car for this year.

David Riggs being in his position only a few weeks told the council that he is learning the process for the different aspects of code enforcement and had been mailing a lot of letters to property owners about cleaning up their property.

Aaron Brasel, City Attorney asked the council for some clarification on what exactly they wanted in the Owner/Occupied ordinance he has been working on. After some discussion and some references to different people and agencies he could talk to the ordinance was tabled so that Aaron had some more time to work on it.

Under new business the Mayor stated they had a personnel matter to discuss. Monica Clark made a motion to go into executive session with Vivian Wright making the second. Executive session began at 6:50 PM. Meeting went back into open session at 7:28 PM. After some discussion Carol Mitchell made a motion to hire Justin Thornton as the new Fire Marshall. Kay Gathright made the second. In going around the table there were 8 yeas and 2 nays with Mike Milum and Nick Davis voting no. Justin Thornton was hired.

In going around the table James Parker once again asked if there was anything that could be done about kids playing basketball in the streets. It was also discussed about the dumpster at Friends being in the street and Larry explained that it was the only place that it could be set and that concrete had to be poured before they could set it there. The Mayor stated that he was going to have Heritage Computers put Incode (read only) on the computer in the council chamber for easier access when we needed to look something up. One of the council members mentions a pile of broken glass in the north parking lot and was told that Mike Hale would be notified so it could be cleaned up.

With there being no further business James Parker made a motion to adjourn and Kay Gathright made the second. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2019

Mayor Billy Ray Jones

City Clerk Mary Woodruff