

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS February 28, 2022

The City Council of the city of Nashville met on Monday, February 28 at 12:00 noon for the regular monthly meeting. Mayor Billy Ray Jones called the meeting to order. The prayer was led by Mayor Jones, the pledge was led by Police Chief Amy Marion

Ten council members were present at roll call: Freddie Horne, Joe Hoen, Donna Harwell, Nick Davis, Monica Clark, Will Turley, Kay Gathright, , Herbert Turley, Mike Milum and Kathy Combs. Also present were department heads and the press.

Motion was made by Hoen, seconded by Harwell to accept the minutes of the January 24 ,2022 meeting. Motion passed 10-0.

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

Capital Outlay: \$37,295.00 for payment of 4th Street sidewalk project to Wooster construction; \$14,562.00 to Young Electric to install transfer switches at 3 sewer pump stations; Franchise: \$37,295 transferred for Sidewalk Project expense.

Sales tax for City increased by 16% (20,013.00) and county increased by 16.7% (12,936.00) from January 2021. Motion was made by Horne, seconded by Hoen to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

Parks Director Meghan Floyd reported baseball registration has finished and 274 kids have signed up. This year the park has added a 14U division. New to the league this year includes Blevins, Dierks, Caddo Hills and Sevier county teams. PeeWee basketball has finished with \$8,963.49 profit for the year. A concrete patch has been laid on the street close to the park office to help with the erosion. The money raised through the programs is being put toward a goal of refinishing the floor at Whiteside gym.

Police Chief Amy Marion had nothing to report.

Fire Chief Justin Thornton said the ISO would be here April 12 regarding the rating for the city.

Mayor Jones presented a proposal to purchase two new storm sirens from Storm Sirens, Inc. to be installed and cover the "dead" areas in town where the sirens are not heard as well. Motion by Davis to purchase the sirens. After discussion regarding the poles and installation, it was tabled until the next meeting to gather more information on the cost of installation and possibly a 3rd siren.

Code Enforcement Officer David Riggs presented Ordinance 973 *"An Ordinance to provide for the adoption of the 2020 edition of the National Electric Code of the National Fire Protection Association, and to be amended into the Nashville Municipal Code, Chapter 11.12 Electrical code."* Ordinance 973 was read. Motion by Will Turley, Second by Davis to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its final reading. Motion passed. Ordinance 973 was read by title. Motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hoen to pass Ordinance 973. Motion passed.

Ordinance 972 *"An Ordinance to authorize the city of Nashville to do business with certain council members or employees of the city of Nashville or Nashville Park commission"* was presented and read. Motion was

made by Davis, seconded by Will Turley to suspend the rules and place it on its final reading. Ordinance 972 was read by title. Motion by Hoen, Seconded by Horne to pass Ordinance 972. Motion passed.

Public Works Director Larry Dunaway reported that the sidewalk phase was completed. There are two more sidewalk projects in the future and the engineers had been contacted to begin the preliminary paperwork.

Mayor Jones presented Resolution 2022-02 *“A Resolution affirming the city of Nashville’s commitment to life and designating the city of Nashville, Arkansas as a Pro-Life city”*. Resolution 2022-02 was read. Motion by Davis, seconded by Hoen to adopt Resolution 2022-02. After discussion, vote was 6 yea, 3 nays (Clark, Gathright, Herbert Turley), 1 abstention (Freddie Horne). Motion failed for lack of majority.

Affidavit for Destruction of documents was presented in order to shred old financial records. Motion by Harwell, seconded by Gathright to approve the affidavit. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn at 12:40 pm.

Signed this _____, 2022.

Mayor Billy Ray Jones

City Clerk Carol Mitchell