

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS ON
November 27, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Nashville met on November 27, 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 7 answering as there names were called. Alderwoman Harwell, Alderwoman Wright, Alderman Brown, Alderman Anderson, and Alderman Milum were absent.

Other persons present were Public Works Director Larry Dunaway, Finance Director Jimmy Dale, Code Enforcement Officer David Johnson, Nikki Cherry, Park Director, Charles Goodin w/ Nashville News, Jonathan Canady w/ Southwest Arkansas Radio, and Louie Graves w/Nashville Leader.

After a review of the October, 2012 minutes, a motion to accept the minutes was made by Alderwoman Kirkpatrick and seconded (with the correction of a typographical error which was corrected by Clerk McDaniel before becoming permanent record) by Alderwoman Clark. On roll call vote, the motion passed with all yeas and no yeas. (7-0).

Financial Director Dale gave his report:

Extraordinary Expense October 2012

Revenue: \$117,500.00 from SWAPD for river pump. Expenses to follow this month and December.

01-5-160-5435-000 Computer Expense \$7151.00 Incode Annual Fee

07-5-500-5413-000 Lift Stations \$5010.82 Rebuild 2 pumps

Sales tax for October was up 9% over October 2011 for the City and 2% up for the County.

Dale then went over the 2010 Joint Legislative Audit with the Council explaining the different findings. He stated there were no deficiencies in 2010 or 2011. The only finding was there aren't enough people in the front office to handle the duties; which they find every year.

Alderwoman Mitchell made a motion to accept the financials and it was seconded by Alderwoman Kirkpatrick. On roll call vote the financials passed with all yeas and no nays. (7-0)

Next is Larry Dunaway, Public Works Director. Larry states the river pump has been fixed and will be installed on Monday along with the pipe and the line.

He stated he had talked with a representative from the Highway Department regarding the Main Street project and the project has moved to the "right-of-way" division which means it is moving forward. Hopefully the money will be available soon and we will be able to finish the project.

The stated he had received a letter from USDA regarding the Waste Treatment plant project after the bid opening and all his questions and new requirements have been answered. We will resubmit a new set of plans which will go to ADEQ on the rehab project and we will rebid both projects at the same time.

Alderwoman Mitchell asks if the J-turn signs have come in and Dunaway said they had and were in the process of being put up.

Alderman Smith asks what the Ordinances say about hauling brush off, or tree limbs. He was referring to two big trees that had fallen and the City had hauled 28 loads. We didn't anticipate what happened when a tree fell on a house. The Mayor told the homeowner he would help them and didn't realize how big the tree was. He assured the Council this situation had been dealt with and we won't be hauling for free again.

Next the Mayor presents the proposed budget for 2013 and opens the meeting for discussion. There were no questions regarding the proposed budget.

Next, Financial Director Dale and Mayor Jones presented a proposed Personnel Policy change regarding sick leave accumulated pay. Ordinance No. 909 must be amended before the changes can take place since the Personnel Policy was changed by Ordinance No. 909 in June, 2011.

After lengthy discussion Mayor Jones asks if they want to eliminate the cash-out option and keep the 90 day maximum accumulation. On roll call vote by Mayor Jones there were 5 yeas and 2 nays. (5-2). Alderman Smith and Alderwoman Clark voted no to the 90 days. Basically this is for new hires and we are eliminating the cash-out option. We will vote at the next meeting on the amended ordinance.

Mayor Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2012

Mayor Billy Ray Jones

ATTEST:

Liz McDaniel, City Clerk/Treasurer

