

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

The City Council of the City of Nashville met on Tuesday, March 27 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 10 answering as their name was called. Alderman Matt Smith and Alderwoman Monica Clark were absent.

Other persons present were, Attorney Nate Steel, Public Works Director Larry Dunaway, Finance Director Jimmy Dale, Police Chief Dale Pierce, Charles Goodin w/ Nashville News, Jonathan Canady w/ Southwest Arkansas Radio, and Louie Graves w/ Nashville Leader.

After a review of the February 28, 2012 minutes, a motion was made by Alderwoman Wright and seconded by Alderwoman Kirkpatrick to accept the minutes. On roll call vote, the motion passed with all yeas and no yeas. (10-0).

Financial Director Jimmy Dale gave this financial report for February, 2012: He stated we had 2 group insurance payments in February because of the way the days of February fell. Also that all funds paid the annual Workman's Comp Premium in February of \$24751.00. He also informed the Council of a payment for new vests for the police department out of Capital Reserve Savings for \$7045.95, and transfers from Franchise Tax totaling \$39,528.00. He stated that \$20,000 was for Property Insurance, USDA Loan (for Main Street) payment of \$9528.00, and \$10,000 to supplement the Sanitation Fund. He then made this statement: "We have made a decision to pay for the balance of the River Pump construction from Fund 8 Depreciation and Acct. #7 1020 instead of the Franchise Fund. We are, on a monthly basis replenishing Fund 8 and the Water Capital Reserve Savings account at about \$11,000 per month and would have replaced the cost within a year. Since a motion was approved to pay the balance from the Franchise Fund, it will probably require a motion to be made to approve paying for this through the above mentioned way."

He also stated that sales tax for February 2012 is slightly down in both the County and the City.

Alderwoman Kirkpatrick made a motion to accept the financial report for February 2012 and it was seconded by Alderwoman Mitchell. On roll call vote the motion passed with all yeas and no yeas (10-0).

Next to speak was Public Works Director Larry Dunaway. He stated that he had talked to a contractor last week regarding the River pump and all the materials are ordered and when they get here, the project will get started. He stated that we can shut the river pumps down when the project starts as needed because Lake Louis Graves is full. Also, ADEQ is reviewing our plans for the Sewer Plant project and as soon as that is done we will be getting started. He said that Leslie Street had been striped and part of 4th Street will be done until we run out of paint. When we get more paint we will paint all the way to Food Fast.

Next under New Business:

The Mayor requested a motion to take the money out of Capital Reserve Savings to pay the balance due on the River Pump. A motion was made by Alderwoman Mitchell and seconded by Alderman Parker. On roll call vote the motion passed with all yeas and no nays. (10-0).

Mayor Jones then discussed our computer technician, Avery, who is moving to Texarkana. At the present time, if we need computer work done, we may still be able to call Avery. No decision has been made at this time.

Mayor Jones informed the Council that the sirens are all working and will be tested every Wednesday at noon.

Alderwoman Wright stated she had been approached about whether the City of Nashville will have a "Spring Clean Up Day" and the Mayor said we could plan for one if desired.

Motion was made to adjourn by Alderman Parker and seconded by Alderwoman Harwell. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

Mayor Billy Ray Jones

ATTEST:

Liz McDaniel, City Clerk/Treasurer