

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
August 22, 2022**

Nashville city council met in regular session August 22, 2022 at noon.

Mayor Billy Ray Jones called the meeting to order at noon. He led in prayer, then the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Seven council members were present upon roll call: Freddie Horne, Joe Hoen, Donna Harwell, Nick Davis, William Turley, Kay Gathright, and Herbert Turley. Council member Monica Clark entered the meeting at 12:09.

Motion was made by Will Turley, and seconded by Harwell to accept the minutes of the July 25, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Financial report was presented by Finance Director Kimberly Green. Extraordinary Expenses included: General, \$97,773.00 for 13 air packs to Casco Industries (from the American Rescue Plan fund); Water, \$28,504.00 for Water Reservoir cleaning and inspection, \$19,500 for 2017 Dodge Ram to York Gary; Depreciation, \$14,650 for removal of 390,692 gallons from backwash pond, \$10,457.00 for Rural Water Station 1; Franchise transfers, \$36,500 to Water and Sewer and \$2000 to Animal control. City Sales Tax increased by 4.6% and County Sales tax increased by 1.8% over 2021.

Park Director Meghan Floyd told the council the busy time of year is approaching for the park. This includes tennis, fall softball and baseball, softball tournament, youth soccer, youth flag football, car show, Soccer Jamboree on Sept. 24, Scrapper Cross country, Golden Gathering on October 13. She noted that materials had arrived for the 3 new t-ball fields. Motion was made by Hoen, seconded by Herbert Turley, to pay \$19,000 for labor on the 3 new fields if the Park Commission chooses. Motion passed 7-1 with Clark the nay vote. Floyd explained that the windows on the Legion Hut need replacing and they are currently working on a grant with the Arkansas Dept. of Heritage.

Code Enforcement officer David Riggs presented resolutions to place liens on property that has been cleaned up by the city after no responses from the owners. Resolution 2022-03 was read. After much discussion regarding the proper procedures and timeliness of these procedures, a motion was made by Harwell, seconded by Will Turley to pass Resolution 2022-03. Motion passed. Resolution 2022-04 was read. Motion was made by Hoen, seconded by Horne to pass Resolution 2022-04. Motion passed. Resolution 2022-05 was read. Motion by Hoen, seconded by Gathright to pass Resolution 2022-05. Motion passed. Riggs then presented pictures of several properties that are out of compliance with city code and the owners need to be contacted regarding them. He asked the council if he should proceed since it could incur some expense to the city. Motion by Hoen, seconded by Herbert Turley to have Riggs proceed with the process. Motion passed.

Public Works Director Larry Dunaway mentioned he had several projects ongoing. He has contacted Southwest Arkansas Planning and Development commission regarding the asbestos abatement that would be required on the empty Benson Nursing Home. He said he had contacted Trey Foster, engineer, and he is coming to confer about the sewer line cleaning,

bridge project and the westside water project. He explained that the water department has had the tanks inspected and cleaned and also the wells at the sewer plant. This was the reason for that extraordinary expense on the finance report. Also, late payments by Tyson Foods has caused the necessity of the transfers from Franchise, however that is being resolved.

Mayor Jones mentioned that due to the new legislation by the federal government we could possibly qualify for a 30-40% rebate on the solar farm expenses.

Meeting adjourned at 1:24.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2022

Mayor Billy Ray Jones

City Clerk Carol Mitchell