

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
APRIL 25, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Nashville met on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber for the regular monthly meeting.

Presiding Officer Mayor Billy Ray Jones called the meeting to order and Nick Davis led the Council in prayer. Chief Dale Pierce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, there were 11 members present, the only absent member was Mike Milum. Others in attendance were Attorney Bryan Chesshir, Larry Dunaway, Kimberly Green, Mark Dale, City Clerk Woodruff, Brent Pinkerton (SW Arkansas Radio) Dale Pierce, and Louie Graves (Nashville Leader).

Carol Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2017 meeting with Jimmie Lou Kirkpatrick making the second. There were 11 yeas and 0 nays to approve the minutes.

Kimberly Green presented the financials and explained the extraordinary expenses for March 2017. March is the third of three payments to APERMA in the sum of \$20,623.34. The Fire Dept. purchased a new truck out of their Capital Outlay for a total of \$69,411.17. The Park had a couple of extraordinary expenses, but the main one the council questioned was the 157 loads of gravel to gravel the parking lots in the amount of \$13,345.00. This expense threw them over in R&M Ballfields but they are still under budget in most other line items. The Police Dept. paid for a new Durango in the amount of \$28,222.00. Kimberly also told the council that City sales tax was down 1% and County was down 3% in the month of March. With there being no questions in regards to financials Carol Mitchell made a motion to approve with Jimmie Lou Kirkpatrick making the second. There were 11 yeas and 0 nays.

Next was Public Works Director Larry Dunaway. He has several items to discuss with the council with the main one being a water rate increase. Larry told the council that there had not been a rate increase since January of 2011 it was time for an increase to keep up with the improvements that needed to be done. After a lengthy discussion Jimmie Lou Kirkpatrick made the motion that Ordinance #941 be read and voted on. City Clerk Woodruff read the ordinance and James Parker made a motion to approve with Vivian Wright making the second, there were 10 yeas and 1 nay by Matt Smith. Andy Anderson made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its final reading with Kay Gathright making the second. There were 11 yeas. Clerk Woodruff read the title of Ord #941 and Jimmie Lou Kirkpatrick made a motion to accept with Vivian Wright making the second. There were 10 yeas and 1 nay, Matt Smith voted no, and motion to increase water rates passed. The new rates will go into effect July 1, 2017. The next thing Larry presented to the council was to ask for approval to acquire financing to move forward with the CI2 project. He gave the council a hand out from Stephens Public

Finance with different options of finance. Vivian Wright made a motion to have Larry move forward with the financing with Nick Davis making the second. There were 10 yeas and 1 nay with Matt Smith voting no. Next Larry had Clerk Woodruff to read Resolution #2017-02 which is a resolution expressing the willingness of the city to utilize federal aid money in a 20-80 grant. This is the third such resolution the council has passed in regards to the sidewalk projects, Carol Mitchell made the motion to accept with Vivian Wright making the second. There were 11 yeas. Larry told the council that the spring clean-up would be from May 12th through May 21st which would give two full week-ends for people to clean up. Dumpsters would be located at both fire stations, CDTC, Collins Rd, Childress School. The last thing Larry spoke to the council about was the red light at Wal-Mart. He said he has had several citizen requests moving it from its present location north to the first entrance. He stated that he had already started some preliminary work on figures and would keep the council up to date.

Mark Dale, Park Director, told the council that the parking curbs that had been purchased for \$1,041.00 and placed in the parking lot above the baseball/soccer fields had really worked out well. He stated that stated that Zach was doing a great job with the soccer program and that T-ball and baseball was about to get into full swing. Mark told the council that Husqvarna had donated a 48" zero turn mower to the park and that he was going to have a small thank you luncheon for them to thank them and would let the council know when.

Dale Pierce, Chief of Police, said that we had just had one of our police officers, Jarret Rogers had just graduated from the Police Academy so all our officers were now certified. He stated that everything is going smooth and there didn't seem to be any problems.

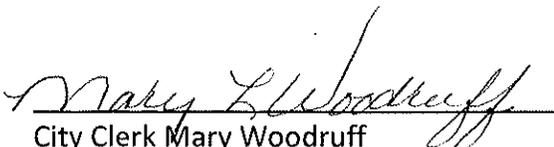
In going around the table James Parker wanted the police department to check on a basketball goal that has been set up in the street on 6th street and the kids were playing ball out in the street. Kay Gathright and Jimmie Lou Kirkpatrick stated that they could not hear the tornado siren at their houses that is mounted on the Clark St tower. Mayor Jones said he would have Jerry Harwell check the siren and see what the problem with it is.

With there being no further business James Parker made a motion to adjourn with Joe Hoen making the second. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM



Mayor Billy Ray Jones

ATTEST:



City Clerk Mary Woodruff