

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS ON
July 26, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Nashville met on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 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 to the flag led by Mayor Jones, roll call of the Council Members was completed by City Clerk McDaniel with 8 members answering as their names were called. Alderman Brown, Alderwoman Harwell, Alderman Anderson, and Alderman Milum were absent.

Other persons present at the meeting were, City Attorney George Steel, Public Works Director Larry Dunaway, City Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth McDaniel, Finance Director Jimmy Dale, Lisa Young, Code Enforcement Officer David Johnson, Charles Goodin w/ Nashville News, Louie Graves w/ Nashville Leader, and Jonathan Canady w/ Southwest Arkansas Radio.

Minutes of the June, 2011 Council meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Alderwoman Clark to accept the minutes with the correction of a typographical error. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kirkpatrick. On roll call vote the minutes were approved with all yeas and no nays. (8-0)

The Financial Statement for June, 2011 was presented by Financial Director Jimmy Dale and reviewed by the Council. Mr. Dale said the month of June was good. He said that we are still approximately \$30,000 ahead in revenue and expenses are being held in control. Mayor Jones explained that we are actually up \$150,000 for the first 6 months from last year. He then told the Council of certain expenses the City has incurred the first 6 months of 2011. He said that we have purchased 3 police cars for \$96,000, we've spent \$40,000 at the Sewer plant on aerators, \$37,000 in paving, and another \$11,000 for a water-line bore on Hale Street. With all this, we still only transferred \$40,000 this year from Franchise. He stated that things are leveling out and he is not seeing as many invoices as there was at the first of the year. A motion was made by Alderwoman Kirkpatrick to accept the financials for June, 2011 and seconded by Alderwoman Wright. On roll call vote the financials passed with all yeas and no nays (8-0).

Next, Larry Dunaway gave his report on the Water and Sewer projects. He said that he had met with a representative from Union Pacific railroad and they are going to patch up the railroad where it crosses by Mack's Upholstery and also where it crosses by EPI.

He stated that he had met with Keith Huskey from USDA on Monday, July 25, 2011, who presented the City with a "Letter of Conditions" which is a giant leap forward in the process of getting the Sewer Project started. It tells us step-by-step what we have to do in securing the loan. Dunaway said that we should begin the project next spring.

He stated that the "trunk line" part of the project had been re-engineered cutting the cost by half. The "rehab phase" is being looked at to see places we can cut to save money also. The treatment plant part of the project will stay the same. He received a letter granting the new pumps at the River. He said that he has to get the approval of the "Water Plan Compliance Review" and once he gets that, he will then get back with Economic Development and move forward with the project.

The line to the Upper Lake is still on hold until the price of pipe goes down. The route has been chosen, will be surveyed, the easements will be signed, and then the project will move forward. "Basically, we're waiting for the price of pipe to go down."

Mayor Jones stated that we will more than likely get approval for the whole \$6.8 million. Dunaway said that the way it's broken down in the letter, \$3.2 million is for the Wastewater Treatment plant but the other projects won't come near to requiring the other \$3.4 million.

David Johnson, Code Enforcement officer spoke next. He stated that he didn't have any new business to discuss.

New Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-05- A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID ENHANCEMENT FUNDS, was read by City Clerk Liz McDaniel. Motion to adopt the resolution was made by Alderwoman Clark. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Mitchell. The resolution passed with all yeas and no nays (8-0).

Next was RESOLUTION NO. 2011-06- A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES FOR CHECKS, DRAFTS, AND NOTES OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE ON FIRST STATE BANK, NASHVILLE. The resolution was read by City Clerk McDaniel. Motion to pass the resolution was made by Alderwoman Clark and seconded by Alderwoman Kirkpatrick. The motion passed with all yeas and no nays (8-0).

Next was RESOLUTION NO. 2011-07 – A RESOLUTION TO SET THE CITY OF NASHVILLE SAFETY AND HEALTH POLICY. The resolution was read by Clerk McDaniel. Motion to pass the resolution was made by Alderwoman Mitchell and seconded by Alderman Parker. The motion passed with all yeas and no nays (8-0).

Next on the agenda was Ordinance 910- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO FRIENDSHIP CABLE OF ARKANSAS, INC. D/B/A/ SUDDENLINK COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CABLE SYSTEM.

Clerk McDaniel read to Section 5 and City Attorney George Steel read the rest of the Ordinance. Motion was made by Alderwoman Mitchell to suspend the rules and put the Ordinance on its 3rd and final reading. On roll call vote, the motion to suspend the rules passed with all yeas and no nays (8-0). The Ordinance title was read again. Motion was made to pass the Ordinance by Alderwoman Clark. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wright. On roll call vote, the ordinance passed with all yeas and no nays (8-0).

Next on the agenda, Mayor Jones read a letter he received from Mayor Billy Ray McKelvy of De Queen regarding assisting the Southwest Arkansas Domestic Violence Center in De Queen with financial support or a contract for services. After some discussion, Mayor Jones suggested tabling the financial support until a later date and he will research it in more detail. The City Council members showed their agreement with the discussion as Mayor Jones went around the table asking each member if it was ok with them.

Mayor Jones then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:38 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Mayor Billy Ray Jones

ATTEST:

Liz McDaniel, City Clerk/Treasurer