

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
OCTOBER 27, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Nashville met on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 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.

Jimmy Dale led the Council in prayer.

Chief Pierce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, all members were present with the exception of Kay Gathright. Others in attendance were Nashville News, SW Arkansas Radio, John Turbeville, Carrie Carr, Eddie Dyer, James Dyer, Louis Smith, Joe Dallas, Billy Spears, Ty Basilier, Larry Dunaway, Wendy Harris and City Clerk Woodruff.

Carol Mitchell made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Jimmie Lou Kirkpatrick. There were 11 yeas and 0 nays.

Jerry Harwell presented his information to the council first as he had a class at the fire station starting at 6:30. He gave each member a list of addresses that letters had been mailed to in regards to cleaning up the property. He stated that some of them on the list had already cleaned up and that he would continue to pursue those who have not complied.

Jimmy Dale presented financials and explained the extraordinary expenses. Monica Clark made a motion to accept the financials with a second by James Parker. There were 11 yeas and 0 nays. Jimmy then went on to explain some of the line items in the 2013 Legislative Audit. There were no questions in regards to the audit and Monica Clark made a motion to accept the findings with Vivian Wright seconding.

Public Works Director, Larry Dunaway talked to the council about radio read meters and a self-chlorinating system. He explained that the meters would be done in sections or by books starting with the larger meters and businesses first. Dunaway then explained the chlorination system and how much safer it was than the system we have now where we use ton cylinders.

Wendy Harris gave the council an update on all the projects at the park and gave a slide show presentation of projects. Part of the slides were on the remodeling of the high school girls softball field. James and Sandy Eudy donated \$25,000.00 towards this project. Wendy said that they passed out 537 meals at the Golden Gathering. The next few events to be held are Trick or Treat in the Park and Holiday Light in the Park. She stated that the soccer season was over and that basketball had begun. Wendy also stated that the wooden poles the park was taking sealed bids on had been purchased for \$1201.00.

Chief Pierce reported that the remodel at the jail was nearly completed as they were at the cabinet stage and trim work. This is the slow part of the remodel.

John Turbeville and Carrie Carr presented a presentation to the council asking they consider helping to shore up the fireman's pension. The State Pension Review Board has certain rules and regulations in regards to how the pension money can be spent. As of this time there is about \$480,000.00 in the fund with 17 fireman and or spouses drawing with an approximate payout per year of \$48,000.00. They suggested an amount to keep the account stable in their eyes is \$1,500.00 per month. He stated that any monies left in the pension fund when the last check was wrote to the retiree or widow would go into the LOPFI as a credit towards the current fireman's retirement. Mayor Jones stated that he would like to gather some information in regards to what the retired firemen who are on this plan draw versus what the fireman on the LOPFI plan draw. Monica Clark agreed and stated that she would like to table the suggestions until information to compare could be compiled. It was decided to table this issue until the council had a chance to look at the 2016 budget.

Resolution 2015-05 was read by City Clerk Woodruff in regards to the millage levied each year by the City. The millage was left the same as 2014. Monica Clark made a motion to accept Resolution 2015-05 and Matt Smith seconded. There were 11 yeas and 0 nays.

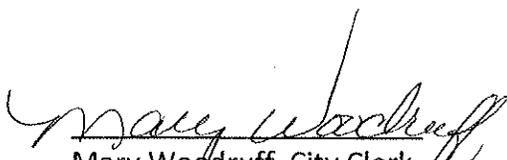
The Mayor stated that budget workshops were scheduled for 11/10/15 and 11/17/15 at 6:00. The Mayor told the Council that he had told the Department Heads to figure a 5% raise for anyone making \$13.00 or less and 2% for all other employees. He said that a straight across the board 3% would be around \$47,000.00. To go with the 2% and 5% the cost is approximately \$4,400.00 less. The Mayor stated that with the department heads and employees that have quit this year there was money in the budget.

The city clerk told the council that the City has had 2 direct deposits in regards to the storm clean up. One for \$41,995.00 and one for \$2561.00 with another \$99,724.00 pending.

With there being no further business Carol Mitchell made a motion to adjourn with Jimmie Lou Kirkpatrick seconding. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Passed this 24th day of November 2015

ATTEST:


Mary Woodruff, City Clerk


Billy Ray Jones, Mayor