

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
9-23-2019
EMERGENCY CALL MEETING
9-27-2019**

City of Nashville, City Council met on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chamber for a regular monthly meeting. Presiding Officer Mayor Billy Ray Jones called the meeting to order, Nick Davis led the council in prayer, and Amy Marion led Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Jones swore Kathy Combs in as Alderman Ward 6 Position 1. She is replacing her dad Andy Anderson for the remainder of his term.

Upon roll call 9 members were present. Those absent were, Joe Hoen, Vivian Wright, and Mike Milum. Others in attendance were City Attorney Aaron Brasel, Jonathon Canaday (SW Arkansas Radio) Larry Dunaway Public Works Director, Chief Amy Marion, Code Enforcement Officer David Riggs, Justin Thornton Fire Chief, Mark Dale Park Director, Kimberly Green Finance Director and City Clerk Mary Woodruff. After reviewing the minutes from the August meeting Carol made a motion to approve with Donna making the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Fawcett with Wilf & Henderson Accounting went over the 2018 Water & Wastewater Audit touching on the high points. She stated that the City of Nashville was in fine financial shape and she appreciated being able to work for the City. Elizabeth discussed restricted and unrestricted accounts. She stated that we have not had a rate increase in 3 years and stated that moving forward she saw no financial struggles for the water and wastewater departments.

Kimberly presented the extraordinary expenses for August 2019. Most of them were due to the flooding in July and the expenses we had to pay to get things back up and running. She stated that the city sales tax had increased 4.8% over last year and the county tax increased by 3.6%. Monica made a motion to accept the financials for August and Carol made the second. Motion passed.

Larry gave brief updates on the sidewalk projects and other projects that have come up and have been addressed since the flooding. He said our wastewater permit had expired as of 6/2019 but that a new permit was on its way. He told the council that he needed permission to apply for an Arkansas Community Assistance Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00. He stated that this is a grant and that there would be no repayment. Attorney Brasel read Resolution 2019-08 and Carol made a motion to accept the resolution and Larry applying for the grant. James seconded and the motion passed unanimously. He stated that he is waiting on approval for the Phase 3 sidewalk project to get started and would proceed with surveys and easements. He discussed the foot bridge on Mt Pleasant and the bridge on 8th St. Larry also talked to the council about fire protection for Cossatot and the new Assembly of God Church as well as a new sewer line going down Mill St.

Amy talked to the council about the new resource officer and said that it had been really well received by all the schools. She told the council that the city had received the first check from the schools for Andre's salary. She stated the we had several cars down and that the officers were having to double up on the use of cars because 3 were in the shop. Nick stated that we needed to proceed with looking for cars to replace the ones having so many repairs. She gave updates on the remodeling of the PD and said that everything was coming along.

Justin Thornton told the council the remodel at the fire station was moving forward. He told the council that 2 vehicles that had been totaled during the flood were volunteers that had come to help and had no insurance on the vehicles. He stated that the cost to repair both was \$6,909.96. Nick made a motion to take care of the vehicles and James made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Dale told the council that soccer season was in full swing and that basketball season would be starting soon. Registration is until October 25th. Each council member was given a set of park minutes from the last commission meeting.

David Riggs told the council that he would have some resolutions of condemnation ready for the next meeting. He showed pictures of 112 W Lockesburg to them and stated that this was one of the properties he would be asking permission to condemn.

Mayor Jones discussed finances and told the council that insurance would be paying on the cars and equipment from the flood. FEMA would not be paying as we did not qualify as a disaster area and he would be talking to the state about helping with funds. He told the council that in order to fix the spillway correctly it would cost approximately \$500,000.00 and to patch would run around \$180,000.00. The Mayor stated that this is a high priority project because if the spillway fails the city is out of water.

In going around the table James Parker asked about cleaning a lot on S Main and Carol mentioned having some dog issues in her neighborhood. With there being no further business James made a motion to adjourn and Jimmie Lou made the second. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2019

Mayor Billy Ray Jones

City Clerk Mary Woodruff