

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS ON
January 24, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Nashville met on Tuesday, January 24th 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 local Troop 61, Boy Scouts, roll call of the Council Members was completed by City Clerk McDaniel with 11 members answering as their names were called. Alderman Brown was absent.

Other persons present were, City Attorney George Steel, Attorney Nate Steel, Robert Nannenmann and Boy Scout Troop 61, Public Works Director Larry Dunaway, Finance Director Jimmy Dale, Fire Marshall Jerry Harwell, Parks Director Nikki Cherry, Code Enforcement Officer David Johnson, Charles Goodin w/ Nashville News, Jonathan Canady w/ Southwest Arkansas Radio, and Louie Graves w/Nashville Leader.

After a review of the December, 2011 minutes, a motion was made by Alderwoman Clark and seconded by Alderwoman Kirkpatrick to accept the minutes. On roll call vote, the motion passed with all yeas and no yeas. (11-0)

Financial Director Jimmy Dale gave this financial report for December:

“The Month ended with Expenses exceeding Revenues by \$80,971.37. The year ended with Revenues exceeding Expenditures by \$193,464.44.

In the month of December there were three payrolls expensed to the General Ledger even though the payroll was processed in January, 2012. All of the payroll was earned in 2011 and the ending payroll date was 12/31/11, however, the IRS considers the payroll to be in January because the check date was in January. This 3rd payroll added about \$60,000.00 to the expenses for December. The January financials will reflect only two payrolls in January, but employees will receive 3 checks in January.

Line 07-5-100-5902- Transfers between Special Accounts had an expense of \$16,196.79 that occurred when I was advised by the water auditors to transfer moneys from a 2003 Construction fund that had been laying in the account too long. We transferred the money to the Water Account causing the expense, yet the money didn't leave the water dept. This money can now be used to do any repairs, etc. to the water plant and its environs.

We pay the Health Benefit payments for January in December each year. The November payment was expensed on 12/01 and the January payment expensed on 12/28 resulting in an added expense of \$19,839.00 for December.

YEAR-END REPORT

The actual bank balances as of 12/31/11 for all of the departmental bank cash accounts (excludes disbursement, payroll, and clearing which are pass through accounts) were \$216,056.23 larger than the beginning balances as of 01/01/11. Always a good sign!”

Aldерwoman Mitchell made a motion to accept the financials and it was seconded by Aldерwoman Wright. On roll call vote the motion passed with all yeas and no nays. (11-0).

Public Works Director Larry Dunaway then gave his report on the different Water and Sewer projects. He stated that on December 5th, he and Mayor Jones went to Little Rock and accepted a check for \$275,640.00 from Economic Development to go towards the pump at the Little Missouri River. The project has been put out for bid and we will open bids on January 11, 2011. The Sewer Plant project is still making progress. The Main Street project has a signed Agreement of Understanding from the Arkansas Highway Dept. so the project will possibly be ready to go to bid in the next couple of months.

Next under New Business:

RESOLUTION 2012-21 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BANK ACCOUNT FOR AN ACEDP GRANT.

Clerk McDaniel read the resolution which is a resolution to authorize The Southwest Arkansas Planning and Development District to open a bank account to receive and disburse ACEDP Grant funds for The City of Nashville.

Aldерwoman Clark made a motion to pass Resolution 2012-21 and it was seconded by Aldерwoman Kirkpatrick. On roll call vote the motion passed with 11 yeas and no nays.

Next:

ORDINANCE NO. 915 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NASHVILLE OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2011.

Aldерwoman Mitchell made a motion to suspend the rules and put the Ordinance on 3rd and final reading. Aldерwoman Wright seconded the motion. On roll call vote the motion passed with 11 yeas and no nays. Clerk McDaniel read Ordinance No 915 in its entirety. Aldерwoman Wright made a motion to pass Ordinance No 915 and it was seconded by Aldерwoman Gathright. On roll call vote the Ordinance passed with all yeas and no nays. (11-0)

Mayor Jones then presented City Attorney George Steel with a plaque and gift thanking him for his service to the City.

There was then discussion regarding the City retaining Attorney/State Representative Nate Steel and the legalities of Nate serving as City Attorney which is an elected position since he already holds an elected office. After research by City Attorney George Steel, it was revealed to the Council that they could retain Nate Steels services by contract.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith to contract Nate Steel as Attorney for the City. It was seconded by Alderwoman Harwell. On roll call vote the motion passed with all yeas and no nays. (11-0).

Alderman Smith made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Alderwoman Mitchell. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Jones at 7:14 pm.

APPROVED: _____
Mayor Billy Ray Jones

ATTEST:

Liz McDaniel, City Clerk/Treasurer