

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
December 19, 2022**

Nashville City Council met in regular session at noon on December 19, 2022. Mayor Billy Ray Jones called the meeting to order. Nick Davis led in prayer and Police Chief Amy Marion led the pledge of allegiance.

Nine council members were present: Freddie Horne, Joe Hoen, Donna Harwell, Nick Davis, Will Turley, Kay Gathright, James Parker, Herbert Turley and Kathy Combs.

Motion was made by Hoen and seconded by Gathright to accept the minutes of the November 28, 2022 meeting. Motion passed.

The financial report was given by Finance Director Kimberly Green. Extraordinary expenses for November were: Fire Department \$5,148.00 to repair the roof on Toland Station paid to Hostetler Roofing; Depreciation: \$9,286.00 for a replacement pump for the sewer plant and \$4079.00 for a replacement pump for CCP paid to Jack Tyler Engineering; Franchise fee transferred \$6100.00 to Street and \$1400.00 to Water & Sewer. City sales tax increased by 6.7% and county decreased by 4% over November of 2021. Motion by Harwell, second by Horne to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Meghan Floyd, Park Director informed the council that the park profited \$5,471.02 on the soccer program this year. She said the 5th and 6th grade basketball registration is underway now. Two basketball camps are planned over Christmas break. Baseball registration will begin in January for preparation to practice in February.

Fire Chief Justin Thornton presented a contract from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus to list two of our trucks for sale on their site. He recommends listing two old trucks to purchase one. Motion made by Parker, seconded by William Turley to allow Thornton to list the 2008 truck with Brindlee and made the decisions regarding sales price. Motion seconded. Motion passed 8-1 with Horne the lone dissenting vote. Motion made by Hoen, seconded by Horne to list the 1992 truck with Brindlee and Thornton making the necessary decision regarding sales price. Motion passed. Thornton then presented Ordinance 976, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 617, SEC. 1 OF THE NASHVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 11.16.07, FIRE INSPECTION FEES. Ordinance 976 was read by the city clerk. Motion by Hoen, seconded by Harwell to suspend the rules and place Ord. 976 on its final reading. Motion carried. Ord. 976 was read by title. Motion by Davis, seconded by Hoen to pass Ordinance 976. Motion carried.

David Riggs, Code Enforcement Officer, presented Ordinance 975 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NASHVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 11.04.03, INSPECTION FEES FOR ELECTRICAL, BUILDING, PLUMBING FEES, AND SOLAR PHOTO VOLTAIC SYSTEMS. This ordinance will increase fees and include the photo voltaic solar systems. Clerk Mitchell read Ordinance 975. Motion by Hoen, seconded by Combs to suspend the rules and place Ord. 975 on its final reading. Motion passed. Ordinance 975 was read by title. Motion by Hoen, seconded by William Turley to pass Ord. 975. Motion passed.

Police Chief Amy Marion reported that the police officers had done their annual shopping with the kids with the funds raised for that purpose. It was a big success.

Public Works Director Larry Dunaway informed the council that bids were taken for the Mt. Pleasant Bridge project. The job is going to Wooster construction for \$399,987.16. Motion by Harwell, seconded by Herbert Turley to accept this bid. Motion passed.

Mayor Jones presented and read Resolution 2022-08 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CITY OF NASHVILLE OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023. Motion by Davis, seconded by Parker to approve Resolution 2022-08. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones gave the council information on the state of the city. The city has cash balances of \$4,435,853.23 as of today. The solar farm will need to be started up as soon as possible in January and there will be a rebate available then to the city. He cautioned the council to be careful on the Sunset Street project as we are committed to 20% of the cost. All in all, he said the city is in good shape at this time.

Mayor Jones presented plaques to James Parker for 14 years of service on the council and Carol Mitchell for 15 years of service as council member and city clerk. Mike Milum and Monica Clarke were not present, but were also recognized for their years of service on the council. All four are leaving their positions at the end of 2022.

Motion by Hoen, seconded by Parker to fill upcoming vacancy of Council member for Ward 3, Position 1 by appointing Phil Jones. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 1:21.

Signed the _____ day of _____, 2022

Lauren Hoen, City Clerk

Mayor Larry Dunaway