

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011

The City Council of the City of Nashville met in a special session on Tuesday, January 3, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Presiding Officer, Mayor Billy Ray Jones called the meeting to order.

Jimmy Dale led the Council in prayer.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Mayor Jones, roll call of Council Members was completed with the following members present: Alderman Brown, Alderman Smith, Alderwoman Harwell, Alderman Davis, Alderwoman Clark, Alderwoman Wright, Alderwoman Kirkpatrick, Alderwoman Gathright, Alderman Parker, Alderwoman Mitchell, Alderman Anderson, and Alderman Milum.

Other persons present at the meeting was City Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth McDaniel, Public Works Director Larry Dunaway, Finance Director Jimmie Dale, other interested parties and the media.

Mayor Jones opened the meeting thanking all Council Members for being there and welcomed Liz as the new City Clerk. He stated that this was new to them both and they just want to get things done right.

Mayor Jones brought it to the council's attention that the reason they had to have a call meeting was because the budget passed in the Council Meeting held on December 28, 2010 was not approved by a majority of council seats. Attorney George Steel explained that it has to be approved by a majority of the number of council seats and not by a majority of members present. Mayor Jones also explained that the old water rates were not amended so that the new rate increase could take effect.

There was a discussion on a 5% increase on the water rates; Public Works Director Larry Dunaway told the Council that Ordinance 901 is an ordinance to amend Ordinance 847, which sets our current water rates. City Clerk Liz McDaniel read Ordinance 901, Alderwoman Mitchell made a motion to suspend the rules and put the ordinance on its final reading, Alderwoman Gathright seconded. Alderwoman Clark asked what the balance on ordinance 847 was and Larry Dunaway stated that it is from the Municipal Code book. Attorney Steel stated that this ordinance is simply to set the minimum and consumption rates. Alderman Davis asked if the meter minimum is inclusive in the minimum and NPW Dunaway stated that it was. Alderman Parker again made a motion to accept the ordinance and Alderwoman Kirkpatrick seconded to put the ordinance on its final reading. On a roll call vote there were 12 yeas. After the second and

final reading, Alderwoman Kirkpatrick made a motion to accept ordinance 901 and Alderwoman Mitchell seconded. Before the vote was taken, Alderman Anderson asked if the City was going to save this money because he had read or heard somewhere that we were going to buy new electronic meters and he wanted to make sure that the increase money was not being spent for that. Jimmie Dale told him no that this money would go into depreciation. Mayor Jones told Alderman Anderson that any big ticket items have to come through the council. On a roll call vote, all 12 members voted yes. Ordinance 901 passes.

Ordinance 902 was introduced next which sets sewer rates for the City of Nashville. Alderwoman Kirkpatrick made a motion to suspend the rules and put the ordinance on the final reading, seconded by Alderwoman Mitchell. After much discussion a roll call vote was called to vote on the final reading. There were 11 yeas with Alderwoman Clark being the only one to vote against it. Alderwoman Kirkpatrick made a motion to accept Ordinance 902, Alderman Parker seconded. Upon roll call vote, there were 11 yeas with Alderwoman Clark being the only no vote. Ordinance 902 passes.

Ordinance 903 was introduced, which was to pass the 2011 budget. After much discussion a motion was made by Alderman Parker to pass the budget and seconded by Alderwoman Wright. Upon roll call vote there were 11 yeas, with Alderwoman Clark being the only no. Ordinance was placed on its final reading Alderman Brown made a motion to pass ordinance 903, seconded by Alderman Smith. Upon roll call vote there were 11 yeas with Alderwoman Clark being the only no vote. Ordinance 903 passes.

Mayor Jones has a brief discussion on the second opinion engineer coming and extended an invitation to any of the council members that they were welcome to go with them to meet and hear the opinions of the engineer. He thanked everyone for being there and pulling together for the better of the city.

James Parker wanted to welcome the new Mayor. There was a motion to adjourn and a second.

APPROVED:

Billy Ray Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth McDaniel, City Clerk/Treasurer