

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS ON
February 28, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Nashville met on Tuesday, February 28th 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, roll call was given with 8 answering as there name was called. Alderwoman Wright arrived later. Alderman Smith, Alderwoman Gathright, and Alderman Milum were absent.

Other persons present were, Attorney Nate Steel, Public Works Director Larry Dunaway, Finance Director Jimmy Dale, Fire Marshall Jerry Harwell, Parks Director Nikki Cherry, Code Enforcement Officer David Johnson, Chief Dale Pierce, Joe Scoggins, Charles Goodin w/ Nashville News, Jonathan Canady w/ Southwest Arkansas Radio, and Louie Graves w/Nashville Leader.

After a review of the January 24, 2012 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. (8-0). Alderwoman Wright arrived after roll call. Alderman Smith, Alderman Milum and Alderwoman Gathright were absent.

Financial Director Jimmy Dale gave this financial report for January, 2012:

“All funds and Depts. paid, this month, a ½ premium of \$43,967.00 for a total of \$87934.00 YTD on Property Insurance and the General Administration paid the total Municipal League Legal Defense premium of \$9941.78. These two major expenditures have created a real drain on cash flow in the General Fund, but we look to recover in the coming months”. He then told of other expenditures in January ending with stating that sales tax for the month of January was up 15% for the City and 11% up for the County. A motion was made by Alderwoman Clark to accept the financials for January 2012 and it was seconded by Alderman Parker. On roll call vote the motion passed with all yeas and no nays. (9-0).

Next to speak was Code Enforcement Officer David Johnson.

Mr. Johnson informed the Council that the clean-up projects are getting done. He stated there have been some issues concerning commercial properties and that Nashville doesn't have an ordinance pertaining to commercial clean-up. Mayor Jones discussed this issue and said that for us to have any authority to do anything regarding commercial clean-up that we would need an ordinance. He asks the Council what they think and there was

agreement that we need something. Mayor Jones said that several businesses that needed to clean up did so after he talked to them. Alderwoman Clark said she thought it was something that had to be dealt with. Mayor Jones recommended that the Council see if they can find out what people in other cities do and we will study it.

Next was Larry Dunaway, Public Works Director. Larry stated that there had been a couple of meetings last week and there was real progress on the USDA forms getting filled out and sent in. "Our plans and specs are in Little Rock at ADEQ and we are at the point that when we get those back and they are approved, we will be able to go to bid." He said these were major steps forward that were made last week.

The river pump project, which is contracted to Cossatot Builders, original bid was just over \$360,000 and after going back through the contract it was cut down to \$336,716.50. Dunaway stated that after talking to Blake he doesn't need a resolution accepting this bid but he did recommend we have it in the minutes that we agree on this price. He said that because of the Mayor getting us the \$250,000 grant, it will leave us owing \$86,716.00 and that we are solving a 25 to 30 year problem. Also, this project will set our capacity/source for the next 25 years and at this cost, it is a very good deal and the Mayor needs all the credit.

Dunaway then talked about the Upper City Lake and the fact that since the rain it is full and what a good thing this is for the citizens of Nashville. "The river pump project is looking like it will be late spring when the tie-ins are done and we can start using them by then".

Mayor Jones then stated that we got the \$56,000 on the Park Grant and put it back into Franchise Fund which is back up over \$400,000 and he would like to take the difference out of franchise and pay the \$86,716.00 that we paid for the river pump. Alderwoman Mitchell asks why the grant was for \$275,000 and we got \$250,000. Mayor Jones then explained that SW Ark. Planning and Development collected \$25,000 in fees. Alderman Parker then made a motion to take the \$86,716.00 out of the franchise fund to pay the River pump and contractors and Alderwoman Wright seconded the motion. On roll call vote the motion passed with all yeas and no nays (9-0).

Dunaway then informed the Council that we had to create a separate Wastewater budget to show that Wastewater and not Water is paying the note back on the Waste Treatment Plant project. Mr. Huskey was pleased with the way the budget looks and we are now waiting for the plans from ADEQ to go to bid.

Next is Nikki Cherry, Parks Director who gave updates on the activities of the park. Coming up in March, we have our first NHS softball game, March for the Park, Tennis registration, Futrell Marine Classic tournament, and the Nashville Baseball jamboree.

Next under New Business:

The Mayor discussed the job description issue that was recommended by Mark Hayes, Attorney of Municipal League, so they were updated. The Mayor recommended the Council vote on the Job descriptions and opened questions. There was some discussion regarding the firemen who are eligible who don't live inside the City limits. It now states that they live "within a reasonable distance". Hiring practices for the Fire Department

were then discussed and Alderwoman Clark asked why an applicant had to interview before the whole fire department and not just the Fire Marshall, Jerry Harwell. He explained the comradeship of the firemen and how they work together as a team. After more discussion regarding these issues, Alderwoman Kirkpatrick made a motion to accept the Job descriptions and Alderwoman Harwell seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 nay. Alderwoman Clark was the nay vote.

The Mayor then gave a “State of the City” regarding the Cities finances, water and sewer projects, industries, the population, cleanup, Sanitation, Street, Distribution, Police, Park, and all other areas of the City.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Jones at 7:40 pm.

APPROVED: _____
Mayor Billy Ray Jones

ATTEST:

Liz McDaniel, City Clerk/Treasurer