

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS ON
September 27, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Nashville met on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 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 Mayor Jones, roll call of the Council Members was completed by City Clerk McDaniel with 8 members answering as their names were called. Alderwoman Gathright, Alderman Smith, Alderman Anderson, and Alderwoman Kirkpatrick were absent .

Other persons present at the meeting were, City Attorney George Steel, Public Works Director Larry Dunaway, Finance Director Jimmy Dale, Park Director Nikki Cherry, Auditor Kelly Birdwell, Scott Suddeth of Welcome to Arkansas, Freddy Horn, Joe Scoggins, Tony and Lisa Young, Code Enforcement Officer David Johnson, Charles Goodin w/ Nashville News, and Jonathan Canady w/ Southwest Arkansas Radio.

Minutes of the August 23rd, 2011 Council meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Alderwoman Clark to accept the minutes and seconded by Alderwoman Wright. On roll call vote the minutes were approved with all yeas and no nays. (8-0). Alderwoman Kirkpatrick arrived at 6:10 p.m. after the vote to approve the minutes.

The Financial Statement for August, 2011 was presented by Financial Director Jimmy Dale and reviewed by the Council. Mr. Dale said the month of August was fortunately an uneventful month. He said that expenditures had exceeded revenues by \$5,490.00. He stated that was good since we had 3 payrolls in August. He stated that we received a grant for \$30,369.00 to pay for a patrol car which had already been purchased and paid for and the money was put back into the Equipment Replacement account. We also transferred \$46,000 to general from Franchise Fee fund because of the timing of the 3 payrolls. We had another \$10,000 transferred to Street for general obligations which will be an ongoing thing. Another major expense due to excessive water use and treatment was \$32,000 for 2 shipments in August of HCH, a coagulant used in water treatment. Mr. Dale reported some other expenditure then reported he had gone to Little Rock on September 8 regarding a Legislative Audit which was approved for 2008 and 2009. He pointed out that 2 errors were found. One was regarding a CD which was sent to Merrill Lynch for the old Retired Firemen's pension. The state required it be converted to a third party and Mr. Dale reported that he failed to take it off the balance sheet. The second mistake was when we transferred money from General to Water and Water to General in

2009. When it was receipted in and posted, it was receipted into miscellaneous income instead of transfer in. It was an error and would have been found if we were audited for 2009.

Motion was made to accept the financial report by Alderman Brown. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Mitchell. On roll call vote, 8 voted yes and one, Alderwoman Harwell, voted no. (8-1). Then Alderman Brown made a motion to accept the audit for 2008 and 2009 and it was seconded by Alderwoman Kirkpatrick.

On roll call vote, the audit passed with all yeas and no nays. (9-0)

Kelly Birdwell of Wilf and Henderson then gave the Water audit report. Motion was made to accept the Water Audit by Alderwoman Wright. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Mitchell. On roll call vote, the Audit was accepted with all yeas and no nays (9-0).

Next Larry Dunaway, Public Works Director gave his report. He stated the River pump project is being pushed in order to go to bid because of the narrow window of time because of less water usage. He stated we have been using water from Lake Louis Graves and its down 12 feet, which is lower than it's ever been. The Waste Water loan is near completion. It has been approved and the money set aside. We now have to get interim financing which means we get a loan for the money, build the plant, then USDA pays off the loan and we pay it out over the 40 years. This has always been in the "letter of conditions" so Mr. Dunaway has spoken with the 4 banks in Nashville and 3 bonds companies in Little Rock. This means that 7 entities have been contacted and are working on quotes and interest rates to be presented at a later date.

The Main Street project which is an \$88,000 project is still in the working. The Arkansas Historical Preservation will have to make sure the section of Main Street in consideration won't be affected as far as historic preservation. When he gets the letter from them, he can then get back in touch with the Arkansas Highway Department and can go to bid on the project.

Next on the agenda Nikki Cherry, Park Director, gave the schedule of events for the month of September and coming events for October, 2011 at the Park. Events planned for October are a tennis match, the Golden Gathering, fall softball league games, and the "Boo at the Park" on October 29th for Halloween.

The 2 new playgrounds are up and will be ready to go soon.

Mrs. Cherry then introduced Scott Suddeth of Welcome to Arkansas, to speak on behalf of the Arkansas Hospitality Association which is part of the Parks and Tourism Association. The main topic of his presentation is bringing awareness to the people who live here and tourist who are here to visit, about what there is to do in and around Nashville. He handed out cards to give to store owners and public employees regarding tourist attractions in the area. Welcome to Arkansas also has window stickers to display saying that our City is a Welcome to Arkansas community. He told of a 3 hour training course that will come to Nashville called "Guest Services Training" to teach people how to greet tourist and new people in our town.

There was then a question and answer for Director Cherry. At this time, the Mayor informed the Council that Nikki and the park employees were expanding their job responsibilities. He stated the City has been using their high dollar employees to put up

Christmas lights and since this is the slow time for the park employees, he had rather the Park employees put up the Christmas decorations and keep the high dollar employees working on water projects.

Next on the Agenda is Code Enforcement Officer David Johnson. He has placed a lien on a piece of property on the Corner of Front and Coleman Street belonging to Edna Mae Armstrong Williams. He informed the Council that on January 2nd, he sent her a letter along with a copy of the Ordinance regarding cleaning her property up. One letter was certified and the other was sent by regular mail. The certified letter came back and the one sent regular mail did not. The property didn't get cleaned up. Bids were then taken to have the property cleaned up. Two bids were received and the low bid was \$600 made by Tony Fatheree. He did the job and was paid. Mr. Johnson then sent Ms. Armstrong pictures of the cleaned up property and a bill for the \$600. Since he hasn't heard from her, he asks the Council to approve a property tax lien on the property in the sum of \$605.79. The \$5.79 is the cost of the certified letter. Motion was then made by Alderman Brown to place a lien on the property and the motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kirkpatrick. On roll call vote, the motion passed with all yeas and no nays. (9-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Chief Dale Pierce then addressed the Council regarding destroying old records. The District Court clerk, Sherlene Sands, prepared a Destruction Affidavit and Chief Pierce handed out a list of the records she wanted to dispose of. Questions were asked about recycling the paper and Alderwoman Mitchell said anything with SS numbers or Case files shouldn't be left for someone to potentially get a hold of. Chief Pierce said it would be taken care of at the Landfill in a way it would not be retrievable. Motion was made by Alderman Parker and seconded by Alderwoman Clark to dispose of the records. On roll call vote, the motion passed with all yeas and no nays. (9-0)

Mayor Jones then declared October 7, 2011 as Arkansas Go Pink for the Cure day. He read and issued the Proclamation.

Next on the agenda was Ordinance No. 911- AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHROIZE THE CITY OF NASHVILLE TO DO BUSINESS WITH CERTAIN COUNCIL MEMBERS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE OR NASHVILLE PARK COMMISSION. Motion was made by Alderman Brown to suspend the rules and put the Ordinance on its third and final reading and seconded by Alderman Parker. On roll call vote, the motion passed with all yeas and no nays. (9-0). The Ordinance was read again, title only, and motion was made by Alderwoman Clark and seconded by Alderwoman Wright to pass the Ordinance. On roll call vote, Ordinance No. 911 passed with all yeas and no nays. (9-0).

Mayor Jones declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Mayor Billy Ray Jones

ATTEST:

Liz McDaniel, City Clerk/Treasurer