

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS ON
August 23, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Nashville met on Tuesday, August 23, 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, Alderwoman Harwell, Alderwoman Kirkpatrick, and Alderwoman Mitchell were absent.

Other persons present at the meeting were, City Attorney George Steel, Public Works Director Larry Dunaway, Finance Director Jimmy Dale, Tony and Lisa Young, Code Enforcement Officer David Johnson, Charles Goodin w/ Nashville News, and Jonathan Canady w/ Southwest Arkansas Radio.

Minutes of the July 26, 2011 Council meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Alderwoman Wright to accept the minutes and seconded by Alderwoman Clark. On roll call vote the minutes were approved with all yeas and no nays. (8-0)

The Financial Statement for July, 2011 was presented by Financial Director Jimmy Dale and reviewed by the Council. Mr. Dale said the month of July was good. He said that revenue had exceeded expenditures for the year by about \$130,000 and increases in water and sewer rates and a decrease in expenditures was the reason. He stated that everyone has stayed within their budget on expenditures. He stated that July is always a tough month because of high electric bills and a lot of purification bills because of high water use and treatment. A motion was made by Alderman Brown to accept the financials for July, 2011. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Clark. On roll call vote, the financials were accepted with all yeas and no nays (8-0).

Next on the agenda Nikki Cherry, Park Director, gave the schedule of events for the coming months at the Park. The Playground Project reimbursement request for \$27,379.92 was sent in on 8-3-2011 and we should get back \$13,689.96 once it's processed. The balance of funds remaining for the project is \$95,681.02 after all the bills are paid and everything is reimbursed. Bids for the Playground were opened on 8-15-2011 and the low bid was \$107,435 from Barre Landscape Construction. We had a budget of \$95,000 so the Mayor and Director Cherry are working with Barre to try and get the budget down. A swing-set was removed from the plans and that got the bid into the budget range. Nikki

then passed around some plans for the playground for the Council to look. There was a lot of discussion regarding the playground and different aspects of the park around it. By a show of hands, all the Council members who were present agreed with the plan.

Next, Larry Dunaway gave his report on the Water and Sewer projects. He said that the River pump manufacturer is trying to get the details worked out since there is a 12 week lead time from the time of order until delivery. Everything is beginning to fall into place and the projects are in the works. Final approval from USDA has been made so we know how much we have been approved for. It has been earmarked and set aside for the City of Nashville but that does not mean that we will spend that much.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next on the agenda is:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-08 – A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM FOR WILDLIFE OBSERVATION TRAILS.

Nikki Cherry came back before the Council to explain the need for the Resolution. She said the resolution is for the Wildlife Program and that if we receive it will be 100% funded. It's funded through Outdoor Recreation Grants who partners together with Arkansas Game and Fish. She stated that 80% of the funds have to go to City or County and 20% goes to State. This grant is to put a half mile asphalt trail in the Congo area which will go up to a stream that is in the area. There will also be a wildflower area, some places for birding, and a wildlife viewing lot. There is a pecan grove in the area for birds also.

Funding wise, the only thing we have to do, she stated, is show that we are doing 20% of the project in labor which we can do by clearing brush, signage, or the trail base.

The resolution was read by City Clerk Liz McDaniel. Motion was made by Alderwoman Clark and seconded by Alderman Parker to pass the resolution. On roll call vote, the resolution passed with all yeas and no nays.

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

APPROVED: _____
Mayor Billy Ray Jones

ATTEST:

Liz McDaniel, City Clerk/Treasurer

