

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS  
July 25, 2022**

Nashville city council met in regular session July 25, 2022 at noon.

Mayor Billy Ray Jones called the meeting to order at noon. Nick Davis led in prayer. Chief Amy Marion led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Nine council members were present: Joe Hoen, Donna Harwell, Nick Davis, Monica Clark, William Turley, Kay Gathright, Herbert Turley, Kathy Combs and Mike Milum.

Motion was made by Harwell and seconded by Hoen to accept the minutes of the June 27, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Financial report was presented by Finance Director Kimberly Green. There were no extraordinary expenses, but transfer from Franchises were: \$10,100 to Street; \$2100 to Water and Sewer; \$2500 to Animal Control. City sales tax had decreased 1% and County decreased by 3% from June 2021. Motion made by Harwell, seconded by Clark to accept the financial report for June. Motion passed. Leslie Winton with Wilf & Henderson, P.C. presented the 2021 Water and Sewer department audit. She pointed out the highlights of the audit and stated there were no findings or issues. The letter that accompanied the audit noted the statements are materially correct.

Park Director Meghan Floyd told the council that activities at the park are a bit slow. The Summer Day Camp is in progress and going well. Flag football and soccer registrations are coming up soon.

Fire Chief Justin Thornton was out of town.

Police Chief Amy Marion said the school wishes to add an additional resource officer. She presented statistics regarding school shootings since 2018. Nashville Public School provides 70% of the expense for the resource officer. Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Harwell to approve hiring another police officer as a school resource officer. Motion passed.

Code Enforcement officer David Riggs presented Resolution 2022-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A NUISANCE UPON CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FOR CONDEMNATION AND REMOVAL OF NUISANCE ; regarding 303 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. The owner has been contacted and has requested that we hold off destroying the property til after her trip to Nashville in November to retrieve a few items. Motion by Clark, seconded by Hoen to pass Resolution 2022-02. Motion passed.

Public Works Director Larry Dunaway made the council aware of the new Arkansas Act 605 of 2021 which requires water approval boards to acquire 8 hours of training. He explained that the board members are required to complete this training by December 31 by the Natural

Resource Division. In other updates, he explained that last week the water department had issues with bringing in enough water for treatment during the 100 degree plus temperatures and dry conditions. The reason for the demand was mostly due to added farms on the Rural Water system. It was also noted that Tyson is planning an expansion of their facilities and growers that will increase their water requirements by about 6 million gallons weekly by 2024. The city is implementing some short term solutions, and the engineer will be here tomorrow to begin looking at long term solutions. Mayor Jones reiterated that these need to go into the works immediately to be able to meet these requirements in time.

Mayor Jones presented the 2020 Legislative Audit of the city's financial. He pointed out that one finding was noted concerning the use of sick hours before they were earned. It has been corrected.

Jimmie White addressed the council regarding a horse in her neighborhood. She is also concerned that her area of town is neglected and forgotten and receives no services. She is concerned about the overgrown yards and houses in disrepair. Council member Monica Clark expressed her agreement with Mrs. White. The mayor explained that there are laws regarding notification of owners and that this is all in process.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Mayor Billy Ray Jones

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City Clerk Carol Mitchell