

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
September 26, 2022**

Nashville City Council met in regular session at noon on September 26, 2022. Mayor Billy Ray Jones called the meeting to order. Nick Davis led in prayer and Mayor Jones led the pledge of allegiance.

Eight council members were present: Freddie Horne, Nick Davis, Monica Clark, Will Turley, Kay Gathright, James Parker, Herbert Turley, and Kathy Combs.

Motion was made by Clark and seconded by Horne to accept the minutes of the August 22, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

The financial report was given by Finance Director Kimberly Green. Extraordinary expenses for August were: American Rescue Plan Expense \$101,850 to Storm Sirens, Inc.; Miscellaneous Expense \$21,759.00 for Tball fence at the park; Police Department \$75,000 for police stipend reimbursed by State of Arkansas per Act 224; Franchise transferred to street \$26,000. City sales tax increased .3% and County sales tax decreased .9% over August of 2021. Motion was made by Horne, seconded by Will Turley to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

Resolution 2022-06 was read to amend the budget to include the stipend for the Police Department. Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Combs to pass Resolution 2022-06. Motion passed.

Meghan Floyd presented the report from the Park department. She reported that soccer and flag football are presently in progress. One hundred one are registered for flag football and 284 for soccer. A car show this month included 95 cars. Upcoming events include a softball tournament, kickball tournament, basketball tournament, Halloween in the park among other events.

Mayor Jones gave an update on the clean-up process in New addition. Discussion was then held with several citizens in that area regarding their property that has come before the council as "nuisance". After presentations and discussion, Mayor Jones proposed tabling the resolutions for condemnation for 90 days due to the statements that the owners would make progress on cleaning and boarding up the properties. Gynder Benson explained that progress is being made on having the Childress School preserved as a historic site and obtaining the funds for repair. Mayor Jones explained that any broken windows or doors need to be boarded, roofs repaired, and lawn maintenance taken care of. Motion by Horne, seconded by Will Turley to table any action on the 10 resolutions in the packet for 90 days. Motion passed.

Public Works Director Larry Dunaway proposed to the council that the city pay off the Knuckelboom truck and equipment in the amount of \$132,000.37. Motion by Parker, seconded by Herbert Turley to pay off the loan. Motion passed. Dunaway also explained that he is in the process of setting up a joint training session for council members from Nashville and surrounding cities to complete the Retail Water Provider board training per Act 605 of 2021.

Mayor Jones presented Resolution 2022-07 to set the millage for 2023. Resolution 2022-07 was read. Motion by Clark, seconded by Gathright to pass Resolution 2022-07. Motion passed. Millage was maintained at 3.6 mills for Personal and Real property.

Mayor Jones informed the council that the solar farm is at completion, however a new federal act states that any solar farm going online after 1-1-23 will qualify for up to 40% rebate. Therefore our farm is holding off on completion until then.

Motion and second to adjourn. Council adjourned at 1:39.

Signed the _____ day of _____, 2022

Carol Mitchell, City Clerk

Mayor Billy Ray Jones