

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS January 24, 2022

The City Council of the city of Nashville met on Monday, January 24 at 12:00 noon for the regular monthly meeting. Mayor Billy Ray Jones called the meeting to order. The prayer was led by Nick Davis, the pledge was led by Police Chief Amy Marion

Ten council members were present at roll call: Freddie Horne, Joe Hoen, Donna Harwell, Nick Davis, Monica Clark, Will Turley, Kay Gathright, James Parker, Herbert Turley, and Kathy Combs. Also present were department heads and the press.

Motion was made by Hoen, seconded by Will Turley to accept the minutes of the December 20, 2021 meeting. Motion passed 10-0.

Financial reports were presented by financial director Kimberly Green. Extraordinary expenses for December were:

Street: \$41,959.00 for Phase 2 of 4th St. Sidewalk project paid to Wooster construction.

Franchise: Transfer to Water & Sewer Operating \$35,500; Transfer to Street for Sidewalk project expense \$18,884.00; Transfer to Animal Control for operating \$1000.00

Sales tax for City increased by 7.5% (\$9,133) and county decreased by 21.8% (22,860) From December 2020. Motion was made by Horne, seconded by Clark to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

Resolution 2021-01 "A Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 2020-05 City of Nashville Operating Budget for 2021" was read. Motion by Davis, seconded by Parker to pass Resolution 2021-01. Motion passed 10-0.

Parks Director Meghan Floyd reported that the park is heading into its busy season with basketball camps and registration. Also, baseball registration and soccer registration is under way. Concessions receipts were good from the all-star basketball tournaments. She announced that six softball tournaments have been awarded to the city this coming year. A covered batting cage has been built for softball and field preparations are underway as well as some repairs to wooden posts. A large car show is scheduled for July 2.

Police Chief Amy Marion gave the police department statistics for 2021. She reported 214 accidents were worked. Also, 606 police reports filed, 89 felony cases worked with a 90% closure rate. The city had 298 drug cases, 738 citations written and 334 warrants served. Arrests made were 241 misdemeanor and 86 felony.

Fire Chief Justin Thornton presented information on a used fire truck to purchase. He proposed a \$200,000 loan with \$44,000 being paid down out of capital reserve. Payments would be around \$42,800 annually. He presented options for selling or trading one of the current trucks. Thornton also discussed the department being set on a rotating schedule to replace a truck every 5 years. After discussion and questions, motion was made by Will Turley to purchase the firetruck. The motion died for lack of second. (Alderman Freddie Horne exited the meeting at 12:45)

Code Enforcement Director David Riggs introduced Ordinances involving updating our building code verbiage to the current Arkansas codes. Ordinance 970 "An ordinance providing minimum requirements for the design of new buildings and structures or portions thereof and additions to existing buildings that

provide facilities or shelter for public assembly, education, business, mercantile, institutional, storage and residential occupancies, as well as those portions of factory and industrial occupancies designed primarily for human occupancy by regulating their exterior envelopes and the selection of their heating vent/air conditioning, service water heating, electrical distribution and illuminating systems, and equipment for effective use of energy” was read. Motion made by Davis, seconded by Combs to suspend the rules and place Ord. 970 on its final reading. Motion passed 9-0. Ord. 970 was read by title. Motion by Clark, seconded by Combs to pass Ord. 970. Motion passed 9-0.

Ordinance 971 “*An ordinance to amend the building and construction chapter of the Nashville Municipal Code*” was read. Motion by Harwell, seconded by Hoen to suspend the rules and place Ord. 971 on its final reading. Motion passed 9-0. Ord. 971 was read by title. Motion by Harwell, seconded by Hoen to pass Ord. 971. Motion passed 9-0.

Mayor Jones reported in Larry Dunaway’s absence that the sidewalk project was going well.

Mayor Jones introduced the recommended redistricting by EFS Geotechnologies of three of the current city wards to realign the representation after the 2020 census. Motion by Clark, seconded by Will Turley to accept the new ward boundaries. Motion passed 9-0.

Mayor Jones announced that Summit Utilities has purchased Center Point Energy gas company and will take over the franchise to be paid to the city.

Motion to adjourn at 1:31.

Signed this _____, 2022.

Mayor Billy Ray Jones

City Clerk Carol Mitchell