

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
MARCH 28, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Nashville met on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber for the regular monthly meeting.

Presiding Officer Mayor Billy Ray Jones called the meeting to order and Nick Davis led the Council in prayer. Chief Dale Pierce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, there were 10 members present. Those absent were James Parker and Vivian Wright. Others in attendance were Attorney Bryan Chesshir, Larry Dunaway, Kimberly Green, Mark Dale, City Clerk Woodruff, Brent Pinkerton (SW Arkansas Radio) Ryan Stuckey and other citizens.

Andy Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from February 28, 2017 with Carol Mitchell making the second. There were 10 yeas and 0 nays to approve the minutes.

Kimberly Green presented the financials and explained the extraordinary expenses for February 2017. February is the second of three payments to APERMA in the sum of \$24,641.77. Kimberly also told the council that City sales tax was down 8% and County was down 2% in the month of February. With there being no questions in regards to financials Carol Mitchell made a motion to approve with Monica Clark making the second. There were 10 yeas and 0 nays.


Larry Dunaway told the council that he several things to present to them and started with the fact that there was finally light at the end of the tunnel on the phase 1 sidewalk projects. He stated that he had been looking at possibly making a bike lane from 4th street to the park. He asked the council to approve with continuing paving. Matt Smith made a motion to continue with all the paving projects with Joe Hoen making the second. There were 10 yeas and 0 nays. He gave each member of the council a handout in regards to a possible 5% rate hike on water rates. If the increase is approved it would raise in excess of \$90,000.00 more per year. Enclosed in the handout was a copy of the sanitary survey with the recommendation that the city explore options to further increase available water capacity. Larry told the council that the Mayor and himself had already spoke to Tyson and Rural Water as they are our biggest users and each one of them is approximately 1/3 of our water usage. Both were on board with a rate increase which would still make each one of them 1/3 responsible for the project and the city 1/3. The project would have a pump dedicated strictly to Rural Water. He stated that the increase would cover the cost of the project. There has not been a water increase since 2011.

Mark Dale told the council that things were beginning to get busy, busy, busy at the park with spring sports. He gave each member a copy of the last park meeting. There was no meeting decisions voted on because they did not have a quorum. He asked that everyone please

remember long time park employee Barney B Smith as he had been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. He stated that there would be an Easter Egg hunt at the park on April 15 beginning at 10:00

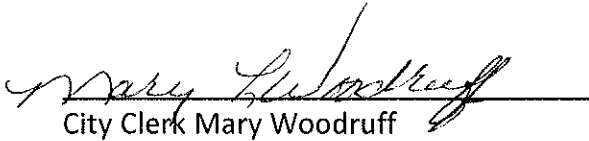
Chief Dale Pierce said he had nothing to present and Fire Chief Harwell was not there.

In going around the table Kay stated that she could not hear the sirens when they go off. Nick said that May 4th is National Fire Fighters day and that May 14-20 is National Police week. Dale thanked him for recognizing them all. With there being no further business Andy made a motion to adjourn and Jimmie Lou seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:39.



Mayor Billy Ray Jones

ATTEST:



City Clerk Mary Woodruff

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