

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS ON
February 26, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Nashville met on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Presiding Officer Mayor Billy Ray Jones called the meeting to order.

Financial Director Jimmy Dale led the Council in prayer.

Other persons present were Public Works Director Larry Dunaway, Nikki Cherry, Park Director, Finance Director Jimmy Dale, Code Enforcement Officer David Johnson, City Clerk Liz McDaniel, Louie Graves Nashville Leader, Charles Goodin Nashville News and Jonathan Canady Southwest Arkansas Radio.

Next, roll call was given with eight answering as their names were called. Alderwoman Kirkpatrick, Alderwoman Gathright, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Brown were absent.

After a review of the January 22, 2013 minutes, Alderwoman Clark made a motion to accept the minutes and Alderwoman Wright seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion passed with all yeas and no nays. (8-0).

Financial Director Dale gave his report:

He started out by saying, "this is the kind of report that you have bad dreams about. The expenditures exceeded revenue by \$133,000.00 this month, which was expected. February will be better although not real good but by March things should start to level out and we will start to gain ground again."

Extraordinary Expenditures January 2013:

There were three (3) payrolls expensed in January. The first one actually was payment for work performed in 2012 and included Holidays for Christmas. The total expense for that payroll (wages and payroll expense) amounted to \$87,808.88.

Due to the way A/P was paid, the Municipal Health Benefit payment (Health Insurance) was expensed twice during the month of January (January and February payments) for an excess this month of \$19,964.50. (we pay invoices every week two weeks in advance of due dates so if we had waited until February to make the Health Ins. Premium it would have been late)

All Workman's Compensation Insurance was paid in January for a total of \$26,320.85.

ALL Legal Defense, Drug testing, etc. fees were paid to the Municipal League for a total of \$9,941.78

Expenses incurred to outfit the generator and trailer for the Water Department, which totaled \$21,496.81.

A Police car was purchased and outfitted at a cost of \$30,508.50.

The first of three installments was made to First National Ins. for a TOTAL THIS MONTH OF \$31,059.67.

Annual ADEQ License and Permit fees were paid for the year at a cost of \$6,370.00.

Sanitation had a motor replaced in one truck at a cost of \$2,650.00.

\$40,000.00 was transferred from Franchise to General to help defray these additional expenditures.

As of this day, 2/20/13 the Sales Tax figures have not been received.

After discussion regarding police holiday pay and other expenditures, Alderwoman Clark made a motion to accept the January 2013 financials and Alderwoman Mitchell seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion passed with all yeas and no nays. (8-0).

Next, Nikki Cherry, Parks Director, gave this report:

PAST MONTH

Of Visitors in January 7,927

Nikki & Wendy attended the Arkansas Festival & Events Assoc. Conference in North Little Rock. Received two awards. Silver Award for Best Event Photo-Dinosaur Festival and Silver Award for Best Tabloid Page for Golden Gathering.

5th & 6th Grade Basketball completed with 57 participants

Announcement made of Dustin Lynch booked for Dinosaur Festival. Sponsor packets have gone out and we have approximately \$8,500 in sponsors so far.

Notification received of receiving the Outdoor Recreation Matching Grant of \$60,547 to install 5 metal light poles at the baseball complex, construct two pavilions and construct a basketball court.

Notification received of funds from a Blue & You Grant as part of the Howard County Health Coalition and Community First Wellness for \$3,500 to assist with the Food, Fun and Fitness Camp/Teen Adventure Trips and \$10,400 (park's part) to assist with a new Youth Obesity Intervention Program which is an intensive comprehensive program piloting 10 obese children 4-6th grade.

Ronny K. Woods Wildlife Grant-Train plan approved.

Upcoming Events

3/3-3/5 Attending the Arkansas Governor's Conference on Tourism. The Welcome to Arkansas Committee of Nashville is 1 of 8 communities nominated for the Welcome to Arkansas award.

Spring soccer will start this week. Over 70 participants registered.

3/9 Futrell Marine Classic Softball Tournament-Currently have 17 teams registered. Deadline is March 4

3/13 ARPA Conference in Ft. Smith

Next Larry Dunaway, Public Works Director gave this report:

He said the electricians were making progress at the River pump station and we should be pumping water from the Little Missouri River soon.

Regarding the Main Street project, we opened bids and had one bid, which was excessively high. We have set a rebid date for March 4. A rebid meeting was held with 3 of the interested contractors and they looked at the plans, asked questions, and hopefully we will have 4 or 5 bidders on the job.

Most of the work is on the West side of Main Street, which is a 90-day project. We will be all the way to the railroad tracks and extra conduit will be laid and set the power up so if we ever decide to go further down we will have the power available.

We submitted all the paperwork to USDA and as soon as we get an approval letter from them to go to bid again, we will set the date.

Next is David Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer:

David stated that since the City Council passed an Ordinance in September 2012 to condemn a house on Russell and Mill Street, deed of record shows it belongs to the State of Arkansas/Minien May.

He stated that after letter writing between City Attorney Steel and the State of Arkansas, we got authorization to send the job of tearing the house down and cleaning the lot to bid. The bids were turned in and in February 2013, Thomas Boozer was awarded the job at a bid of \$2, 475.00. Johnson showed a slideshow presentation of the house before and after it was torn down and cleaned up, which was on February 11, 2013. He then asked the Council if they want the City to pursue a lien against the property.

The State of Arkansas will be contacted by letter informing them that we (City of Nashville) are placing a lien against the property. They will then have 30 days to either pay us or allow us to place the lien.

Alderman Parker made a motion to place a lien against the property and Alderman Davis seconded. On roll call vote the motion passed with all yeas and no nays (8-0)

There was no NEW BUSINESS.

Alderman Parker made a motion to adjourn and Alderwoman Clark seconded. Mayor Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2013

Mayor Billy Ray Jones

ATTEST:

Liz McDaniel, City Clerk/Treasurer