

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
JUNE 24, 2019**

City of Nashville, City Council met on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chamber for the regular monthly meeting. Presiding Officer Mayor Billy Ray Jones called the meeting to order, Nick Davis led the Council in prayer, Amy Marion led Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call 7 members were present. Those absent were, Joe Hoen, Vivian Wright, Carol Mitchell, Andy Anderson and Mike Milum. Others in attendance were City Attorney Aaron Brasel, Jonathon Canaday (SW Arkansas Radio) Larry Dunaway, Public Works Director, Chief Amy Marion, Code Enforcement Officer David Riggs and Justin Thornton, Fire Chief. After reviewing the minutes from the May meeting Jimmie Lou made a motion to approve with Kaye making the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Kimberly was absent so Mayor Jones went over the extraordinary expenses for the month of May. He stated that we had an extraordinary expense in the park department of \$46,950.00 for the final payment to Bobo & Bain Construction on the bathroom and a \$13,624.00 extraordinary expense to run the water lines to the new Assembly of God building. The Mayor also told the council that city sales tax was down by 5% and county was down by 4%. With there being no further questions Monica made a motion to approve May financials and Donna seconded. Motion passed.

Larry gave updates on all the current projects. Phase 2 of the sidewalk from Lockesburg St to Syper has had the last of the easements approved. Phase 3 will go up West Sunset St and has been approved by the Hwy Dept. He told the council that with all the rain the raw water quality has been terrible but that the water plant crew had stayed on top of it to keep the quality of our water.

Chief Amy Marion told the council that several of her officers were and had been in training. She discussed the medical marijuana bill, House Bill 1400/ACT 740, that list prohibited areas where medical marijuana can be smoked. Amy told the council that even though it is not to be smoked in these areas there is no punishment if caught doing so. She stated that the council consider passing an ordinance so that the officers have something to go by if they catch a violator.

Justin told the council that the tornado sirens had been fixed and they were trying to decide where to put them. He stated that he would like to get the old ones up to par with the new ones so that all sirens would go off at the same time. There was some discussion about batteries that could be charged by the sun or solar panels. That aspect is still being looked into.

David Riggs told the council that he had discussed with Ms. Betty Hill about her rock house on Sunset St. He gave her a time frame in which to get it cleaned up and check back in with him. He also showed them some pictures of two properties he would like permission to condemn. One was located at 1200 W Leslie St and the other is at 1009 Martin St. He stated that he has followed the guidelines in regards to notification of the property owners without any success. Resolutions will be introduced in the July council meeting asking for approval to move forward with the condemnation process.

Next the Mayor told the council that auditors had found approximately \$318,000.00 that was always considered restricted but had served its purpose and was now an unrestricted account. He told the council that he would like to pay off the 1996 Bond for \$28,000.00 which will clear up \$15,000.00 a month. Monica made a motion to pay the 1996 Bond off and Donna made the second. It passed unanimously. Next the Mayor told the council that the county was checking into making the old hospital a solar farm to cut down on the electric bills. He stated that he would like to check into this as well for the city.

With there being no further business James made a motion to adjourn and Jimmie Lou made the second. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2019

Mayor Billy Ray Jones

City Clerk Mary Woodruff