

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS

August 26, 2019

City of Nashville, City Council met on Wednesday, August 26, 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 and led the council in prayer, and Amy Marion led Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call 9 members were present. Those absent were, Jimmie Lou Kirkpatrick and the vacant position that was held by Andy Anderson, Joe Hoen came in at 6:03 making 10 members present. Others in attendance were City Attorney Aaron Brasel, Jonathon Canaday (SW Arkansas Radio, Louie Graves (The Nashville Leader), Kimberly Green, Finance Director, Larry Dunaway, Public Works Director, Chief Amy Marion, Code Enforcement Officer David Riggs, Justin Thornton, Fire Chief, and Mark Dale, Parks Director. After reviewing the minutes from the July meeting Monica made a motion to approve with Vivian making the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Kimberly presented July financials and extraordinary expenses. There was a \$78,486.00 expense for two new Tahoe's and \$7,668.00 for demolition of the offices at the police department due to the flooding in July. There was a \$16,642.00 expense to city hall for floors to be redone due to the flooding. City sales tax was down 9.8% and the county was down 6.7%. Carol made a motion to accept the financials and expenses for July and James made the second. Motion passed.

Larry gave the council an update on all the damages that needed repair after the flood. The priority is to replace the bridge at the primary school. He had received a quote of \$98,000.00 for the repairs and stated that was lower than he had anticipated. He stated that the bridge has to be replaced and requested permission to move forward. Freddie horn made a motion to accept the \$98,000.00 bid and Vivian made the second. Motion passed unanimously. Larry then discussed the sidewalk project going up Sunset St and that he had spoken with Dena Tollett about closing the one way strip of 12th street that runs north to Sunset. Dena stated that she was all for the strip being closed. Further discussion will be held as this project gets closer. There were two ordinances on the agenda in regards to a water and sewer revenue bond. **Ord #951 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BOND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF AND THE INTEREST ON THE BOND; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.** Aaron Brasel read the complete ordinance through and Carol made a motion to put it on its final reading with Vivian making the second. Motion was approved and the title of the ordinance was then read with Carol making a motion to pass the ordinance and Monica making the second. Motion passed. **Ord #952 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 947 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BOND; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO"** was read by Mayor Jones in its entirety with Monica making a motion to place it on the final

reading and Joe making the second. Motion passed. Mayor Jones then read the title of the ordinance and Carol made a motion to pass and Vivian making the second. Motion passed.

Chief Amy Marion told the council that all but one computer was destroyed in the flood and the entire police department was destroyed. The PD will have to be completely gutted and rebuilt from the ground up. She stated that the water got two file cabinets deep inside the building. She had to rent a storage building in order to have somewhere to store records. There were 5-6 vehicles lost during the flood as well. Amy told the council that she has been working with the schools on a Resource Officer. The salary will be between \$16,000.00 to \$18,000.00 and split 65/35 with the schools paying the 65 but that the officer will be under the direction of Amy. Joe made a motion for Amy to hire a resource officer and partner with the schools and James made the second. Motion passed. Larry then discussed that the contract with Waste Management is coming up for renewal and that there would be a rate change going into effect October 1. With there being nothing further Larry thanked the council for their approval of the bridge and passing the ordinances.

Police Chief Amy Marion told the council that the resource officer position had been filled by Andre Jones and was working great. Previously she stated that the cost would be split 60/40 with the schools paying 60 but that had changed since last month and the cost would be split 70/30 with the schools paying 70%.

Justin Thornton gave a brief update on the condition of the fire station since the flood. There were several estimates taken for the project. There were estimate copies in the council packets for them to look over. Justin told the council that it would take some time to get all the remodels done but that they were being worked on.

Mayor Jones stated that he had told Director Mark Dale he could leave so he could get back to the park as there was not much going on currently except soccer registration.

David Riggs talked to council about changing some of the wording in the ordinance he uses for clean-ups. He wants to change parts of the notification process and increase fines for each offence. There was some discussion on this matter and it was decided to discuss it later. The Mayor told the council that there were a couple of vehicles that were flooded while parked at the fire station and the guys were out helping victims. He told the council that he felt like it was the city's obligation to help them with the expenses of the flooded vehicles. The council told the Mayor to help the guys out with expenses.

Mayor Jones told the council that there had been two people interested in being appointed to take the late Andy Anderson's position on the council, his daughter Kathy Combs and Jimmy Dale. James made a motion to appoint Kathy to the position and Nick made a motion to appoint Jimmy. In going around the table to vote all but one voted for Kathy. She will be sworn in at the September meeting. He also stated that there had been a few members wanting to change the meetings time to noon. It was a resounding no on that idea.

With there being no further business Joe made a motion to adjourn and Vivian made the second. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2019

Mayor Billy Ray Jones

City Clerk Mary Woodruff