

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS  
APRIL 23, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Nashville met on Monday, April 23, 2018 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 Nick Davis led the prayer and Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call 9 council members were present with James Parker, Jimmie Lou Kirkpatrick and Donna Harwell absent. Mr. Parker came in at 6:20. Others in attendance were Louie Graves (Nashville Leader), Jonathon Canaday (SW Arkansas Radio) Finance Director Kimberly Green, Chief Dale Pierce and City Attorney Bryan Chesshir, Public Works Director Larry Dunaway, Park Director Mark Dale, Ray Jones and John Stanfield with Husqvarna, Drew Williams with AEDC and City Clerk Woodruff. Joe Hoen made a motion to accept the minutes for the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and Monica Clark seconded. There were 10 yeas.

Kimberly Green explained the extraordinary expenses for March which included the third of three property insurance payments in the amount of \$22,332.00 for the year. Depreciation spent \$73,596.00 on radio read meters, \$16,717.00 out if General Professional Services for new election equipment. Kimberly stated that City sales tax had increased by 8% and the County had increased by 12.4%. With there being no further discussion Carol Mitchell made the motion to accept the financials for March and Vivian Wright seconded. There were 10 yeas.

Next Mayor Jones introduced Ray Jones and John Stanfield from Hasqvarna and Drew Williams ARDC. Mr. Jones gave the council a briefing on why they were there and explained the Husqvarna has a \$25M payroll annually in the City of Nashville. He explained that what they were wanting to do would be at no expense to the City. With that being said City Clerk Woodruff read **Resolution 2018-03** which was for **Intent to Issue Industrial Development Revenue Bond** for an estimated \$30,000,000.00. This resolution is for a 350,000 square foot warehouse at #1 Poulan Drive. Monica Clark made a motion to pass the resolution and Nick Davis made the second. There were 10 yeas. Next Clerk Woodruff read Resolution **2018-04** which was for **Intent to Issue Industrial Development Bonds** for an estimated amount of \$5,000,000.00. This resolution was for equipment and expansion, including solar renewable energy at 139 Old Airport Road. Monica Clark made the motion to pass the resolution and Carol Mitchell made the second. There were 10 yeas. Next Clerk Woodruff read **Resolution 2018-05** which was a **Resolution of Intent to Negotiate Payment In Lieu of Taxes Arrangement**. After some discussion, questions asked and answered Monica Clark made a motion to pass Resolution 2018-05 and Vivian Wright made the second. There were 10 yeas. Mr. Jones, Mr. Stanfield and Mr. Williams thanked the council for their time and the approval of the resolutions.

Larry Dunaway was next with updates on various projects around town. He presented the council with quotes from three different companies that sell mini-excavators. Kubota quoted \$86,730.00, Caterpillar quoted \$81,967.00 and John Deere quoted \$71,373.00. Larry recommended getting the Caterpillar. Even though it was higher than the John Deere he felt we were getting more for our money. There was some

discussion as to whether Larry needed a truck to pull the mini-ex and he stated at this time what they had would work. James Parker made a motion to give Larry permission to purchase the mine-ex from Caterpillar and Kay Gathright made the second. There were 10 yeas. Next was resolution 2018-02, this is standard practice to utilize federal aid money which is being used on the sidewalk projects. After the resolution was read Monica Clark made a motion to pass the resolution and Vivian Wright made the second. There 10 yeas. Larry stated that that was all he had and thanked the council for the approval on the mini-excavator.

Next the Mayor gave an update for Jerry Harwell. He told the council that Jerry had gotten bids on a new building to park their fire trailer under. The quotes came in at a cost of \$6,533.00 and \$6,510.00. Matt asked if there was room at the city shop for the trailer. Larry said he did not know because he didn't know anything about it but would find out. Matt said he felt like the carport would only keep the rain off it not really out of the weather. The decision was made to table the purchase until they could see if we had a place to store it. The Mayor told them that our fire department had assisted on two burns and have four more to help with.

Mark Dale told the council he didn't have much to update on other than they were extremely busy with baseball. He stated that his revenues were higher than his expenditures. The Mayor told the council that we sold a lawn mower at auction for \$3600.00 and bought a new one. He said that the park rotates the mowers out every 3 years. Mark told the council that presently we had 80 vendors for the Peach Blossom Festival.

Next City Clerk Woodruff asked the council's permission to get rid of old cell phones that no longer worked. She explained to them that there was a group here that would take them and have them refurbished and distribute them to domestic violence homes. Nick Davis made a motion to approve the disposal and James Parker seconded. In a voice count the council gave its permission to do so. Lastly the Mayor told the council that the May meeting would be moved to the 29<sup>th</sup>, the day after Memorial Day as the 28<sup>th</sup> the fourth Monday was the actual holiday. With there being no further business James Parker made a motion to adjourn and Joe Hoen made the second. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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Mayor Billy Ray Jones

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City Clerk Mary Woodruff