

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING
AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
July 17, 2019**

City of Nashville, City Council met on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chamber for an emergency call meeting and the regular monthly meeting. Presiding Officer Mayor Billy Ray Jones called the meeting to order, Nick Davis led the council in prayer, and Amy Marion led Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call 8 members were present. Those absent were, Vivian Wright, Andy Anderson, Jimmie Lou Kirkpatrick 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, Justin Thornton, Fire Chief, Mark Dale, Parks Director, Sheriff Bryan McJunkins, Christine Young and other interested citizens. After reviewing the minutes from the June meeting Monica made a motion to approve with Donna making the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Kimberly was absent so the Mayor discussed extraordinary expenses. The only one out of place was the paying off of the 1996A revolving loan in the amount of \$25,568.28. Carol made a motion to accept the financials for June and Joe made the second. Motion passed.

Larry gave brief updates on his projects and stated that everything is progressing as expected. He told the council that both plants were good after an inspection. Larry stated that after the flood that the bridges we have had trouble with were worse. He stated that the bridges were already on the Highway Dept. mind especially in the disaster area. He is going to check with FEMA and ADEM to see what help is available.

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.

Justin Thornton stated the during the flood that the state, G&F, National Guard and other volunteers made 12-15 rescues. He stated that everything in the fire department office was lost and it was going to be like the PD and be tore out and rebuilt. Justin stated the the hazmat trailer was a total loss as well as welders, compressors and everything in the meeting room. He estimated repairs in excess of \$56,000.00.

Mark Dale stated that the position has not yet been filled at the park. The flood never reached them and that park employees were cooking lunch on the 19th and invited everyone to come eat. Nick Davis complimented Mark on a great job and how good the park looks.

David Riggs presented two resolutions to the council to condemn properties. Resolution 2019-06 was a condemnation of 1009 Martin St owned by Nicolas & Maria Luna. Carol made a motion to start the condemnation process and Kay made the second. Motion carried. Resolution 2019-07 was a condemnation of 1200 West Grumbles owned by Verolus & Bergua Ashley. Carol made the motion to start the condemnation process and Joe made the second. Motion carried. Having no other business David thanked the council.

Mayor Jones discussed everything that had gone on during and after the flood and that the city was going to have to spend the money to make repairs even if FEMA didn't declare us a disaster area. He stated that we would probably pay most of it out of Franchise or the money we had left from paying off the bond. Monica made a motion to pay for repairs to the PD and front offices and Freddy made the second. Motion passed. Carol made a motion to pay for repairs to the fire station and Donna made the second to pay for repairs to the fire station and Joe made the second. Motion passed.

With there being no further business James made a motion to adjourn and Donna made the second. Meeting was adjourned at 6:27.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2019

Mayor Billy Ray Jones

City Clerk Mary Woodruff