MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
September 28th, 2026

The City Council of Nashville, Arkansas met in regular session at 12:00 Noon on September 28, 2026. Mayor Larry Dunaway called the meeting to order. Brent Thompson led in prayer and Mayor Larry Dunaway led the pledge of allegiance.

Ten council members were present: Joe Hoen, Donna Harwell, Brent Thompson, Khalid Benson, William Turley, Kay Gathright, Charles Pinkston, Carol Mitchell, Kathy Combs and Lynn Dyer.

Motion was made by Joe and seconded by William to accept the minutes of the August 24, 2026 council meeting. Motion passed. Motion was made by Joe and seconded by Donna to accept the minutes of the September 3, 2026 special council meeting. Motion passed. City Clerk Clements advised that the January 27, 2025 minutes had been corrected to include December's financial report rather than November's financial report. Motion was made by Joe and seconded by William to accept the corrected minutes of the January 27, 2025 city council meeting. Motion passed.

The financial report was given by the Finance Director Kimberly Green. Extraordinary expenses for August 2026 were General in the Misc Expense- Admin line for $9,220.95 for repayment of funds to FEMA due to the Donated Resources Project being recalculated after an underrun on debris project paid to Arkansas Division of Emergency Management. Street in the Capital Outlay line for $9,900.00 for concrete for on ramp to Hempstead bridge and street repairs paid to Wooster Construction. Water and Sewer in the Capital Outlay-Admin in Water Plant Expansion line $127,113.85 for engineering fees paid to Civil engineering, $660,219.13 for Lake Nichols Dredging paid to Francis Excavating, $1,227,665.41 for materials and construction paid to RBIS, Capital Outlay- Wastewater in Project #790-09344 line $69,580.14 for clarifier construction paid to RBIS, Materials & Supplies- Water Distribution line $26,458.84 for materials for water line paid to Coburn Supply Company. Franchise Fund- transfer to other funds expense line $19,700.00 transferred to street for operating expense, $9,220.95 transferred to general for FEMA refund, $7,600.00 transferred to animal control for operating expenses. City sales tax decreased by 1% and county sales tax increased by 90%. Motion by Donna, second by Brent to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

Meghan Floyd, Park Director, was out of town in Philadelphia for a presentation. Mayor Dunaway noted that minutes from the last park meeting were included in the packet and reported no activity out of the ordinary. The Golden Gathering was scheduled for Thursday, weather permitting, and Meghan Floyd was expected to return by then.

Police Chief Amy Marion was out of town. Mayor Dunaway stated that she had not provided a report of anything out of the ordinary.

Fire Chief Justin Thornton reported that replacement of air packs had left obsolete equipment and an SCBA trailer that could be used by volunteer fire departments. The trailer had not been used during his approximately 14 years with the department and was incompatible with the new air packs. No current value was established for the equipment. He requested permission to donate it rather than retain it at the station. Motion was made by Brent to donate the obsolete SCBA trailer and equipment to volunteer fire departments, second by Kathy. Motion passed.

David Riggs, Code Enforcement Officer, was on vacation and had no report. Justin Thornton stated that he had begun taking over code enforcement duties on Friday and was learning the procedures after working with David Riggs.

Public Works Director Jonathan Roquet reported that he had been working directly with employees on service calls and work orders to learn daily operations. His focus was on identifying ways to improve safety, efficiency and service to Nashville residents while becoming familiar with employees and their needs. Mayor Dunaway reported the public works project update included installation of the hog pump at the river during the previous week. The VFDs were in the building and ready to be wired. At the booster pump station, the new building was erected and the pumps were in Texarkana, with plumbing work expected to begin soon. Controls for the pumps were still awaited. The project was reported to be at least 25% further along than at the previous month's report. Equipment was beginning to arrive for the clarifier project. The clarifier had been cleaned and prepared, and RBIS and TJ Jenkins were working on preparations for equipment installation. The Main Street sidewalk project would extend along the west side from the railroad tracks south to the Hope Highway. February was reported as the earliest anticipated bidding date. Working with the highway department continued on plans and related details. Painting of the exterior top of the Seventh Street water tower bowl was complete, and work continued on the legs and bottom of the bowl. Filling and disinfection were anticipated to begin in approximately three weeks, followed by draining, refilling and sampling. Returning the tower to service would require an additional process of approximately two weeks. Pressure issues while the tower was out of service were discussed in relation to plant pump cycling and the water level at Third Street. Those issues were expected to resolve when the Seventh Street tower returned to service. Jonathan Roquet had been visiting the project sites to become familiar with their status.

City Clerk Lauren Clements read Resolution 2026-07, a resolution to amend Resolution 2026-04, the City of Nashville Operating Budget for 2026. Motion was made by Carol to pass Resolution 2026-07, second by Donna. Motion passed.

Jenna Pope, representing SWA PAWS, presented requests and reviewed animal control adoption, euthanasia and intake reports. SWA PAWS requested review of Prescott's interlocal agreement during preparation of the next budget because of unpaid amounts and its share of animal intake. Jenna requested changing the wording in Section 5, item E, of Ordinance 991, the banned breeds ordinance, from "will" to "may" regarding humane destruction of unclaimed or abandoned animals. She noted that item D already used discretionary wording. The requested change would allow animal control discretion to place non-dangerous banned-breed

dogs with rescues or adopters outside areas where the breed was prohibited. Mayor Dunaway stated that he supported retaining the banned breeds ordinance while changing the specific wording to provide flexibility for placement of animals. SWA PAWS requested completion of the existing three-sided enclosure at animal control by adding an approximately 25-foot section of fence and a gate. A preliminary estimate was $1,800 to $2,000. Available City fencing materials and possible SWA PAWS fundraising were discussed as ways to assist with the cost. Motion was made by Lynn to change the wording in Section 5, item E, of Ordinance 991 from "will be" to "may be," second by Kathy. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Joe, second by Carol at 12:44.

Signed the 26th Day of October, 2026.

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Lauren Clements, City Clerk

Larry Dunaway
Larry Dunaway, Mayor

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