

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
March 23rd, 2026**

Nashville City Council met in regular session at noon on March 23rd, 2026. Mayor Larry Dunaway called the meeting to order. Mayor Dunaway led in prayer and Police Chief Amy Marion led the pledge of allegiance.

Ten council members were present: Freddie Horne, Joe Hoen, Donna Harwell, Phil Jones, William Turley coming in late, Kay Gathright, Charles Pinkston, Herbert Turley, Kathy Combs and Lynn Dyer.

Motion was made by Donna and seconded by Lynn to accept the minutes of the February 23rd meeting. Motion passed.

Mayor Dunaway presented a recommendation to appoint Khalid Benson for the seat Ward 3 Position 2. Motion made by Joe to appoint Khalid Benson to fill the rest of term for Ward 3 Position 2 spot, second by Freddie. Motion passed. Mayor Dunaway sworn in Khalid.

Mayor Dunaway recognized Vivian Wright for 27 years on Nashville City Council. Meghan Floyd also recognized Vivian for being on Park Board.

The financial report was given by the Finance Director Kimberly Green. Extraordinary expenses for February were: General Fund: Administration Department-Transfer to District Court \$49,265.00 for 1st half of the \$98,530.00 invoice for 50% district clerk's salaries & 40% of their operating expense paid to Howard County; Park Dept.-R&M-Park \$6,400.00 for Mulch under brush & small trees for new parking lot paid to Andrew Marshall. Franchise Fund: Transfer to Other Funds- \$16,000.00 transferred to street for operating expenses. City sales tax decreased by 8% and county increased by 1%. Motion by Donna, second by Kathy to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

Meghan Floyd, Park Director reported the Easter egg hunt will be April 4th at 10a.m. The Park has received a donation from Tysons Food for around \$100,000.00 for the turf grant. Meghan mentioned she will bring more information about this next month.

Police Chief Amy Marion reported she did not have anything at this moment.

Fire Chief Justin Thornton was out this month. He did not leave anything to be reported.

David Riggs Code Enforcement Officer reported he sent out a couple certified letters to two property owners. David mentioned he has a signed agreement with one owner to tear the house down by June 18th, and has not heard from the other owner. Update on the blue house, it is still in probate David mentioned, the owner has passed away but there is a potential buyer in the house.

Public Works Director Larry Dunaway reported that they will be dredging Lake Nichols for about the next month or so. They will be vacuuming the silt out and building contained areas for when the pump the water out. Equipment has arrived at both sweet home booster pump station and the river. Larry had the pre-construction meeting last Thursday on the clarifier at the waste water plant. They will be ordering material this week for the clarifier and will start on it soon. The sidewalk project will be on the west side

from the railroad track south to the glass shop. Larry mentioned we were able to transfer the money from the Peachtree project to this project. There is roughly around \$700,000.00 towards this job from the highway department and our part is 10%. There are some extra jobs that Larry would like to fix the culvert on Howard & Jones, also on Golf Links Road pull the top off and repave on top of the culvert, and also fix the concrete on Johnson St. bridge.

Water & Sewer fund has collected some money from when the water rates went up to pay the payments for the twelve million loan. Right now, it is in Capital Reserve fund which is making 2% interest. Larry mentioned putting about \$300,000.00 into a CD at a bank and draw basically twice the interest. Kimberly and Larry got quotes from Farmers Bank with a 3.75%, First State Bank with a 3.91% and Diamond Bank with a 3.94%. Larry mentioned the twelve million loan is set up as monthly payments. Motion made by Joe, second by Phil to take \$300,000.00 from Capital Reserve and put into a CD with Diamond Bank for 6 months. Motion passed.

Mayor Dunaway presented the appraisal for the empty lot on Main St. The appraisal was \$13,750.00, Larry mentioned that's about the amount the city has put into. A council member asked about the fire walls, Larry mentioned he is not real sure but will do some research on it before putting on the market. Motion to table the subject of selling the property until we get further information by Donna, second by Kathy. Motion passed.

Dumpster for Spring clean up will be put out at behind both fire departments, Collins Road and hopefully at the fairgrounds. Larry mentioned he will get with Mike Hale the street supervisor and get dates for mid/late April.

Motion to adjourn by Donna, second by Herbert at 12:47p.m.

Signed the 27th day of April, 2026



Lauren Clements, City Clerk



Larry Dunaway, Mayor

