

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
July 24, 2023**

Nashville City Council met in regular session at noon on July 24, 2023. Mayor Larry Dunaway called the meeting to order. Nick Davis led in prayer and Police Chief Amy Marion led the pledge of allegiance.

Eleven council members were present: Freddie Horne, Joe Hoen, Donna Harwell, Nick Davis, Phil Jones, Vivian Wright, Will Turley, Kay Gathright, Charles Pinkston, Herbert Turley, and Jimmy Dale.

Motion was made by Will and seconded by Charles to accept the minutes of the June 26, 2023 meeting. Motion passed.

Leslie Winton reported the water audit for the year ended December 31, 2022.

The financial report was given by Finance Director Kimberly Green. Extraordinary expenses for June were: General: Misc. expense of \$35,065.00 to supply and install facilities at solar facility paid to SWEPCO. Depreciation: Sewer Plant & Equipment of \$21,581.00 for Rebuild Aeration Pump paid to Butterfield Inc. Franchise Fee: transferred \$12,230.00 to Street, \$18,000.00 to Water, \$1,300.00 to Animal Control. City sales tax decreased by 2% and county increased by 2%. Motion by Donna, second by Joe to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Meghan Floyd, Park Director reported she got a quote for the legion hut. The roof is going to need replaced, for it to get replaced it is going to cost \$10,410.19 with a \$7,500.00 deductible. Said they are just going to cover it with a blue tarp for the moment till they can try and get a grant to cover it. She mentioned it rents out \$100.00 a night with a refundable deposit of \$100.00 if it cleaned up and the keys are brought back. The third camp has started this week. So far \$2875 has been made with the other 2 camps. That money is going towards replacing the hangover goals. The windows in the legion hut also need replaced but it going to be a long progress and cost \$25,000.00. Motion was made by Phil and second by Jimmy to raise the rent of legion hut to \$200.00 a night. Motion passed.

Police Chief Amy Marion reported she did not have anything at the moment. The roof on the police is getting redone, getting quotes to fix the inside of the offices. The county is taking care of the District Court and County Library.

Fire Chief Justin Thornton reported that he did not have anything for the council this month. Still waiting on ISO results. Should be September before we get them. Justin mentioned we do have a full-time fire fighter that stays at the station, which helps with our IOS rating, and also helps out a lot.

David Riggs, Code Enforcement Officer, presented Ordinance 982 and proposed to table it. Motion by Freddie, second by Donna to table Ordinance 982. Voice vote carried.

Property at 617 N. 4th St. owned by Brock Yates spoke to the council regarding the rezoning of this property from R1 to R2. The Planning & Zoning Committee recommended not to rezone. Dunaway said 1. We need the housing, 2. After checking into it, if we condemn and tear it down, how much will it cost. We may be putting at least \$10,000.00 just for asbestos abatement. 3. He has never been against fixing it up. Nick made a motion to accept P&Z recommendation and to look at changing the P&Z ordinance. Motion dead. Phil made a motion to rezone 617 N. 4th St. from R1 to R2. Motion dead. After much

discussion on whether to rezone the property, the council decided it wants to see a written commitment from the buyer that they will redo the property. Motion by Herbert to table the rezoning until commitment is shown, second by William. Motion passed.

Mayor Dunaway reported that Aaron Jackson has contacted him about buying what is left of the land at the solar farm. Dunaway said let him get a quote on the land and vote on it next month and let Mr. Jackson buy it. Mayor Dunaway read Ordinance 983 Digital Asset Mining Business. Motion made by Joe to put Ordinance 983 on its final read, second by Donna. Motion passed. Dunaway read the title. Motion by Joe to pass Ordinance 983 second by Vivian. Motion passed.

City Clerk Hoen read Ordinance 984. Motion by Joe to put Ordinance 984 on its final reading, second by Phil. Motion passed. City Clerk read the title. Motion by Joe to pass Ordinance 984, second by Vivian. Motion passed.

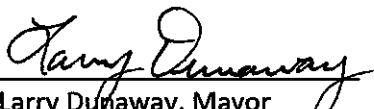
Mayor Dunaway mentioned City Council training will be December 11th in Nashville.

Motion to adjourn at 2:06.

Signed the 28th day of August, 2023.


Lauren Hoen, City Clerk




Larry Dunaway, Mayor