

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
May 22, 2023**

Nashville City Council met in regular session at noon on May 22, 2023. Mayor Larry Dunaway called the meeting to order. Nick Davis led in prayer and Police Chief Amy Marion led the pledge of allegiance.

Upon roll call 11 council members were present: Freddie Horne, Joe Hoen, Nick Davis, Phil Jones, Vivian Wright, Will Turley, Kay Gathright, Charles Pinkston, Herbert Turley, Kathy Combs and Jimmy Dale. Donna Harwell came in at 12:05 making member attendance 12. Others in attendance were Larry Dunaway, Aaron Brasel, Kimberly Green, Amy Marion, Meghan Floyd, David Riggs, Justin Thornton, Louie Graves (Nashville Leader), and Shawnirika Thurman (SW Ark Radio).

A motion was made by Will and seconded by Vivian to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2023 meeting. There were 12 yeas to approve the minutes.

The financial report was given by Finance Director Kimberly Green. Extraordinary expenses for April were: General- Admin: \$218,500.00 paid to Leher Painting Enterprises for water storage tank rehabilitation. General-Park: \$16,555.00 paid to Crimson Stone for infield mix. Street-Capital Outlay: \$117,859.00 paid to Wooster Construction for two payments for Mt. Pleasant Bridge. Franchise Fee- \$10,475.00 was transferred to Street to pay for operating expenses. City sales tax increased by 2% and county increased by 0.4%. Motion made by Freddie, seconded by Nick to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

Parks Director Meghan Floyd presented Resolution 2023-06 to seek an Outdoor Recreation Matching Grant for the tennis court project. The total estimated project cost is \$499,800.00. Mayor Larry Dunaway read Resolution 2023-06. After discussion, Donna made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-06 and Kay seconded. Motion passed.

Police Chief Amy Marion reported on special dates coming up regarding the Total Eclipse which will take place on April 8, 2024 and an active shooter training in the schools this summer.

Fire Chief Justin Thornton did not have anything to report.

Code Enforcement Officer David Riggs brought before the council Resolutions 2023-05 and 2023-07 titled, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A NUISANCE UPON CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FOR CONDEMNATION AND REMOVAL OF NUISANCE. Larry Dunaway read Resolution 2023-05 that declares 107 East Hill Street a nuisance. Motion by Joe, seconded by Herbert to approve Resolution 2023-05. Motion passed. City Attorney Aaron Brasel read Resolution 2023-07 that declares 718 S. Ansley St. a nuisance. Motion by Joe, seconded by Will to approve Resolution 2023-07. Motion passed.

Larry Dunaway reported the Mt. Pleasant Bridge is near complete following the completion of striping and guard rails. Dunaway also said the solar farm is in production. It is producing electricity and putting back into the grid. Dunaway discussed his meeting with Tyson regarding the water plant expansion. He stated they have backed up a year to begin the expansion project. Right now, the date is to begin August 2025. Dunaway mentioned the solar eclipse and says they need to be prepared and will give an update

on a plan once it's set. Lastly, Dunaway discussed the training for 9 council members. He stated SAU Tech will be offering the training online or in person on December 11th in Nashville.

Motion by Joe, seconded by Herbert to adjourn meeting at 12:53.

Signed the 26th day of June 2023.

L. Hoen

Lauren Hoen, City Clerk

Larry Dunaway

Larry Dunaway, Mayor

