

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
July 27th, 2026**

Nashville City Council met in regular session at noon on July 27th, 2026. Mayor Larry Dunaway called the meeting to order. Brent Thompson led in prayer and Police Chief Amy Marion led the pledge of allegiance.

Eleven council members were present: Freddie Horne, Joe Hoen, Donna Harwell, Brent Thompson, Phil Jones, Khalid Benson, William Turley, Kay Gathright, Charles Pinkston, Kathy Combs, and Lynn Dyer.

Motion was made by William and seconded by Lynn to accept the minutes of the June 22nd meeting. Motion passed.

Leslie Winton with Wilf and Henderson presented the Water audit report for the year ending of December 31, 2025.

The financial report was given by the Finance Director Kimberly Green. Extraordinary expenses for June were: General: Misc. Expense: \$14,107.50 for one-half of the city's cost share for the mobile command RV purchase paid to Howard County, \$11,950.00 for pick up mobile command RV paid to Joe Tex, LLC. (Howard County reimbursed the city for half), \$143,989.21 for Solar panel loan payment. Water Fund: Capital Outlay- Water Plant Expansion: \$89,470.00 for Engineering fees paid to Civil Engineering, \$689,152.00 for Lake Nichols Dredging payments 2 & 3, \$733,723.00 for Payments 4 & 5 for materials and construction paid to RBIS. Franchise Fund: transfer to other funds expense; \$5,000.00 transfer to street for operating expense, \$26,057.00 transfer to general for mobile command RV pick up and reimbursement to county for purchase of mobile command RV, \$2,917.00 transfer to animal control for one-half of the fence payment. City sales tax decreased by 3% and county increased by 82%. Motion by Freddie, second by Brent to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

Meghan Floyd, Park Director reported that drafts for soccer are complete. There is a total of 199 kids which is 51 more than last year. Meghan also reported we moved \$100,000.00 to two CD's, each for \$50,000.00 each. Have completed the grant packet for the turf project, waiting on federal board to approve. We have started an account at Farmer's Bank for private sponsors to put money into for the turf project. Meghan also mentioned flag football registration is open, the Golden Gathering will be on October 1st from 9 to 12.

Police Chief Amy Marion reported the command center is almost complete and come check it out after council meeting has ended. Amy also mentioned that the volunteer firefighters and Pafford has also pitched in to help buy some things for the command center.

Fire Chief Justin Thornton reported he did not have anything at this time.

David Riggs Code Enforcement Officer reported September 30th will be his last day with the City of Nashville. David mentioned he has sent out numerous letters to property owners in the last month, some have got back with David and some have not.

Public Works Director Larry Dunaway reported that all the projects are going good. Did some tie ins over the weekend at the river pump. Moving forward with setting two new pumps at the river pump. The booster pump station on sweet home road is moving forward, have everything torn out that they needed to get out. Ended up having to take the original slab out and adding a new one. The dredging at Lake Nichols is complete, just have lots of clean up to do when the stuff dries out. The 7th St. water tower the inside has been finished with sandblasting and painting just waiting to be cured. The outside has not been started yet; there was about a week delay for the contractor has personnel issues he needed to attend to. The sidewalk project is almost at the 90% mark on getting the plans approved by the highway department. Hopefully the date to start taking bids will be end of September or early October. The project will be on the west side of Main St. from the railroad tracks down to Hope Highway. The Clarifier is slowly but surly coming along. All the equipment is being built. The lead time on stainless steel is unbelievable to get it to come in. Larry mentioned some of the equipment has been built and will start showing up in the next couple weeks. Larry mentioned he's hoping to get it back into operation by winter time. Another project getting started is the truck wash on Highway 27 going towards Mineral Springs. We are running a pipe and going to be able to provide fire protection to Parish Equipment by setting a fire hydrant on the property.

Mayor Dunaway presented the Joint Audit from the general side. Everything was good. Motion was made by Freddie to approve the general fund legislative joint audit, second by Joe. Motion passes.

Mayor Dunaway presented a resignation letter from Councilman Herbert Turley Ward 5 Position 2 to the council.

Denna Tollett presented some ideas for the pocket park on the empty lot on Main St. Jonathon Lance talked about the grant with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission called Community Assistance. The max amount for the grant is \$15 Million and also a 80/20 grant. A council member asked about the fire wall. Larry mentioned he has talk to the engineer Trey about it. The thing we have to be concerned about is how the walls are connected.

Motion to go into executive session by William, second by Charles at 15:58.

Motion to come out of executive session by Brent, second by Joe at 1:22. No action was taken on discussion from session

Motion to adjourn by Donna, second by Joe at 1:23p.m.

Signed the 24th day of August, 2026



Lauren Clements, City Clerk




Larry Dunaway, Mayor