

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

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

Ten council members were present: Donna Harwell, Brent Thompson, Phil Jones, Vivian Wright, William Turley, Kay Gathright, Charles Pinkston, Herbert Turley, Kathy Combs, and Lynn Dyer.

Motion was made by William and seconded by Kathy to accept the minutes of the February 2nd meeting. Motion passed.

Mayor Dunaway read letter of resignation from Vivian Wright. Vivian will resign from her position as City Council Woman, effective March 14th, 2026. She asked the council would consider her recommendation of Khalid Benson to serve in her seat now and for the rest of her term.

The financial report was given by the Finance Director Kimberly Green. Extraordinary expenses for January were: Depreciation: Sewer Plant & Equipment: \$20,656.00 for Shinmaywa Pump 50' 25HP po Ideal Pump & Service. City sales tax decreased by 3.5% and county increased by 1.9%. Motion by Vivian, second by Donna to accept the financial report.

Park Director Meghan Floyd reported her end of years numbers for 2025. Meghan reported that the Easter Egg hunt at the park will be on April 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Police Chief Amy Marion reported her end of year numbers for 2025.

Fire Chief Justin Thornton reported his end of year numbers for 2025.

David Riggs Code Enforcement Officer reported he did not have anything. David did mention there is a new solar system farm coming in behind Walmart. Tony Fatheerre is tearing down some houses for a property owner. David mentioned we did not say anything to the owner of the houses, that they took it upon themselves to tear the houses down.

Animal Control Suzanne Gathright reported her end of year numbers for 2025. Suzanne presented Ordinance 1000 To Amend Ordinances 906 Amending the City Of Nashville Animal Control Ordinance. Larry mentioned this was the ordinance when Seborn was still here and he wanted to change. Ordinance 1000 was read by Larry. Motion was made by Donna to suspend the rules and put Ordinance 1000 on its third and final reading, second by Vivian. Motion passed. Ordinance 1000 was read by title only by Larry. Motion to accept Ordinance 1000 by William, second by Vivian. Motion passed.

Public Works Director Larry Dunaway reported his end of year numbers for 2025. Water & Waste Water projects coming this year: painting the 7th street water tower, smoke testing coming soon which is required by ADQ, clarifier 2 going to bid this year, moving equipment in to the river and booster pump station on sweet home road, dredging Lake Nichols (vacuuming it out). During the flood in 2019 there was a lot of silk that did not show till about two years ago and has become a problem of itself and has been put into a

contract itself. This project will be a little tricky since we do not know what will be stirred up and will still have to run while its being done. Will have a backup plan on chemicals if something does happen. Phase 6 of sidewalk project will be started in the next three to four months. Project will be on the wet side and will also have some storm drainage work done while sidewalk is being done. Larry also mentioned JT is also working on getting our ISO rating lowered and the water department is helping him with anything they can do.

Economic Development Group has had several sit visits at a couple of properties around town. Larry mentioned he really can not say much more but when he can he will bring back to council.

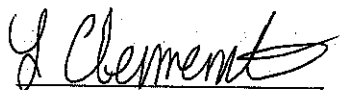
Larry mentioned he has a person reach out to him about the awning on Main St. and see if the city could tell the building owners what kind of awning they had to put up. Larry mentioned that the buildings are private building and with them being private not much we can really tell them besides what the state requires.

Also, the empty lot on Main St. that the city was deeded from when the owner could not tear down. The city paid to tear it town and pour the concrete. Suggestions were made about what do with the property. Larry mentioned to get an appraisal and then go from there.

Public Works Director job has no feedback so Larry mentioned he will put ads out and go from there.

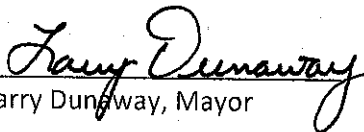
Motion to adjourn by Herbert, second by Kathy at 1:18p.m.

Signed the 23rd day of March, 2026



Lauren Clements, City Clerk





Larry Dunaway, Mayor