

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
August 24th, 2026**

Nashville City Council met in regular session at noon on August 24th, 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: Joe Hoen, Donna Harwell, Brent Thompson, Phil Jones, Khalid Benson, William Turley (coming in late), Kay Gathright, Charles Pinkston, Kathy Combs, and Lynn Dyer.

Mayor Larry Dunaway presented a recommendation letter from Carol Mitchell to consider appointing her to complete the term for Ward 5, Position 2 that was recently vacated by Herbert Turley. Mitchell's letter mentioned she would like to fill this position for the remainder of Turley's term and has filled as a candidate for the position in the November election. Motion was made by Joe to appoint Carol Mitchell for Ward 5, Position 2 for the remainder of Herbert Turley's term, second by Kathy. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Donna and seconded by Lynn to accept the minutes of the July 27th meeting. Motion passed. Motion was made by Joe and seconded by Donna to accept the minutes of the August 6th special meeting. Motion passed.

The financial report was given by the Finance Director Kimberly Green. Extraordinary expenses for July were: General: Transfer for District Court: \$49,265.00 for 2/2 payment for district court salaries and expenses paid to Howard County. Street Fund: Capital Outlay: \$40,000.00 for box culvert installation at W. Hempstead bridge paid to Wooster Construction. Depreciation Fund: Water Treatment Plant: \$39,637.00 for 10,570,000 gallons of sludge removed from wash pond paid to Miller Environmental. Franchise Fund: Transfer to Other Funds Expense: \$33,000.00 transferred to Street for operating expense, \$40,000.00 transferred to Street for Hempstead Bridge, \$7,000.00 transferred to Animal Control for operating expenses. City sales tax decreased by 3.5% and county increased by 73.8%. Motion by Donna, second by Brent to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

Meghan Floyd, Park Director reported there are four pieces of equipment that she would like to send to the auction. A 1999 John Deere 3 Wheeler which has a blown motor, a 1994 John Deere Tractor which has fuel problems, hydro leak and no clutch, a Husqvarna Mower which the clutch is blown out and shaft is bent, and a 2001 Honda Rubicon which has carbo problems. Mayor Dunaway said it would cost more to fix the equipment than what they are worth. Motion by Brent to send the four pieces of equipment to the auction, second by Kathy. Motion passed. Meghan also mentioned there is a open seat on the park commission board, Freddie Horne nominated 2 candidates for it at the last meeting and were presented to the Mayor, once the mayor makes his decision Meghan will presented at a later time. The Golden Gathering on October 1st from 9-12. There was also a special meeting for the park commission for bi-laws. Meghan mentioned they are approving the final draft and should be presented to the council next month.

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

Fire Chief Justin Thornton reported the tornado sirens project started last week. They have the new siren up, just needs electric hooked up this week, the company should be back Thursday and Friday to hook everything up and update all the software for the sirens. All should be done hopefully by Friday.

David Riggs Code Enforcement Officer reported he has sent a couple letters for condemnation, one on Peachtree St and one on Pope St. Both owners have got ahold of David and are going to renovate the properties.

Public Works Director Larry Dunaway reported still doing construction at the river and booster pump station. Had small set back at the river with the slab that was poured for the transformer, but got it fixed. Got the slab poured at the booster pump station and running the pumping that goes through and around it. The clarifier equipment should be delivered in the next couple weeks, most of it has been fab and tested. The 7th St. water tower will start sandblasting the outside so the curtain will go up in the next day or so. Larry has talked with the engineers for the sidewalk project, they have made a couple changes to the plans, then it will be ready for approval from the highway department. A council member asked about if anyone has been interested in the public works director job. Larry mentioned there has been 2 applied.

Motion was made by Joe, second by Khalid to go into executive session @12:19. Motion passed.

Motion was made by William, second by Kay to come out of executive session @1:01. Motion passed.

Larry mentioned that the youth council with the school will be back next month.

There will be a special council meeting on September 3rd at 5:30 p.m. to do interviews for the public works director position.

Motion to adjourn by Brent, second by Kathy at 1:03p.m.

Signed the 28th day of September, 2026



Lauren Clements, City Clerk





Larry Dunaway, Mayor