

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS  
April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Nashville City Council met in regular session at noon on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Mayor Larry Dunaway called the meeting to order. Brent Thompson led in prayer and Mayor Larry Dunaway 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, Herbert Turley, and Lynn Dyer.

Motion was made by Donna and seconded by William to accept the minutes of the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Motion passed.

The financial report was given by the Finance Director Kimberly Green. Extraordinary expenses for March were: General: Park Department-R&M Park Expense: \$10,985.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> payment for city park new parking lot paid to Andrew Marshall. Water Fund: Public Works Department- Water Plant Expansion Expense: \$10,000.00 for engineering fees paid to CEA Civil Engineering; \$438,592.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> payment for materials and construction paid to RBIS; Water Department- Equipment Rental Expense: \$38,849.00 for generator rental for ice storm paid to United Rentals; Wastewater Department- Project #790-09344 Expense: \$11,115.00 for Administration contract for wastewater grant paid to Southwest Arkansas Planning & Development. Franchise Fund- Transfer to Other Funds Expense: \$5,000.00 transferred to general for SADA sponsorship; \$10,985.00 transferred to general for city park parking lot clearing; \$8,000.00 transferred to street for operating expense. City sales tax decreased by 2.7% and county increased by 73.7%. Motion by Donna, second by Lynn to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

Meghan Floyd, Park Director presented a packet on turf fields project in the city park. In the packet was 2 bids. One from Sprintturf for amount of \$1,100,000.00, and another one from GeoSurfaces, Inc. for the amount of \$1,065,500.00. Also in the packets are examples of how the turf would help both the park and the city in revenue. Meghan mentioned she has asked some sponsor from around town, Tyson has said they would give \$100,000.00, Cantex would give \$25,000.00 and the park commission voted and agreed on \$100,000.00 from the park activity fund, also REA also said they would give \$25,000.00. Still waiting on Diamond Bank and First State Bank. Once she hears back from there she will move onto smaller business around town. Meghan mentioned there is a federal grant that is giving the State of Arkansas for the amount of \$2.9 million. The grant is called Make America Healthy Again. The state will give a percentage of that grant money to local smaller rural communities with higher Medicaid numbers, to get them out on multi propose multi sports fields. The amount of the grant would be around \$1.2 to \$1.75 Million. With this grant if we got it, we would be able to turf all four baseball fields infield and outfield, also be able to put a flag football field in the outfield of the baseball ones. Meghan mentioned will be able to host tournaments and league games with the flag football fields. Meghan mentioned she will need the okay to move forward with the grant application and if we don't get the grant to get more feedback on moving forward with the sponsorship and would the city be okay to spend some money on this project. There was some more discussion. Motion by Brent to proceed and apply for the grant, second by Phil. Motion passes with 11 Yae's.

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

Fire Chief Justin Thornton presented Resolution 2026-02 Arkansas Municipal League's Trauma Assistance Program. Discussion was made about what this program is for and how it is used. Resolution 2026-02 was read by Larry. Motion was made by Joe to accept Resolution 2026-02, second by William. Motion passed.

David Riggs Code Enforcement Officer reported he did not have anything at this time. David mentioned he was out this morning taking pictures of some properties and will get ahold of the owners.

Public Works Director Larry Dunaway reported the river pump project and sweet home road project are moving along slowly, waiting on materials to show up. The dredging on Lake Nichols is moving along good, had some issues with the water going into the plant but caught the issue and fixed it. Had to a chemical for some of the organic's getting stirred up. Had the bid meeting for the 7<sup>th</sup> street water tank, bids were in the packets for council members to see. A letter from Civil Engineering Associates who recommended the city accepts the low bid from Kimery Painting, Inc for the amount of \$411,497.00. Motion was made by Donna to accept the bid from Kimery Painting, Inc. for the amount of \$411,497.00, second by Herbert. Motion passed. Clarifier at wastewater plant project has material ordered and doing some work just waiting on the materials. The sidewalk project phase 6 is at 30% with the highway department, got to send in the plans to get them approved. Once we get to 90%, we can go to bid. The city-wide cleanup was a success. There was a total of 32 loads dumped at the landfill. The city only had one problem with the cleanup, asked people not to put tires into the dumpsters and ended up with over 250 tires.

Stacy Harberson with Howard Memorial Hospital spoke about the sales tax extension for the hospital. She mentioned what they would use the sale tax extension money on their hospital maintenance. Each month the city will give 10% of the sales tax extension money to Howard Memorial Hospital and Economic Development. Motion was made by Lynn to pay Howard Memorial Hospital and Economic Development the 10% of the sales tax extension, second by Brent. Motion passed.

Mayor Dunaway mentioned he would like to go into executive session to discuss personal matters. Motion was made by Brent to go into executive session to discuss personal matters, second by William. Motion passed. Executive session started at 12:50. Resumed regular session at 1:10. Motion was made by Donna to table the applications for public works director and run the application in the news again, second by Charles. Motion passed. Larry mentioned he would look into running the application longer than two weeks.

Mayor Dunaway mentioned that the May council meeting falls on Memorial Day. Asked the council if they would like to move back to the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. Everyone agreed on the date.

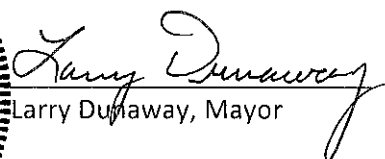
Mayor Dunaway also mentioned that the truck that went into the Lake Nichols, will be scrapping it and trying to get everything we can use off of it.

Motion to adjourn by Donna, second by Herbert at 1:25p.m.

Signed the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026



Lauren Clements, City Clerk



Larry Dunaway, Mayor