

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
May 18th, 2026**

Nashville City Council met in regular session at noon on May 18th, 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: Freddie Horne, Donna Harwell, Brent Thompson, Khalid Benson, William Turley, Kay Gathright, Charles Pinkston, Herbert Turley, Kathy Combs, and Lynn Dyer.

Motion was made by Donna and seconded by William to accept the minutes of the April 27th meeting. Motion passed.

The financial report was given by the Finance Director Kimberly Green. Extraordinary expenses for April were: General: Administration Department-Misc. Expense: \$11,947.00 for repeater for police department paid to ZMC Communications. Water Fund: Public Works Department- Water Plant Expansion Expense: \$27,823.00 for engineering fees paid to CEA Civil Engineering, \$221,160.00 for 3rd payment for materials and construction paid to RBIS, \$274,178.00 for Lake Nichols dredging paid to Francis Excavating; Wastewater Department- Project #790-09344 Expense: \$59,425.00 for 1st payment for clarifier construction paid to RBIS. Franchise Fund: Transfer to Other Funds Expense- \$11,947.00 transferred to general for repeater, \$2,100.00 transferred to animal control for operating expense, \$14,000.00 transferred to street for operating expense. City sales tax decreased by 0.30% and county increased by 83.7%. Motion by Donna, second by Kathy to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

Meghan Floyd, Park Director was not present. Larry presented Resolution 2026-03 Authorizing the Submission of an Application. Resolution 2026-03 was read by City Clerk Lauren Clements. Motion by Freddie to accept Resolution 2026-03, second by Lynn. Motion passed.

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

Fire Chief Justin Thornton presented a quote from Storm Sirens, Inc. Justin mentioned the tornado siren on 3rd St is not working and needs replaced. There are two different systems from Storm Sirens, Inc. The first one is a report back system, if there is an issue with the siren it would let us know. Justin currently has to call the sheriffs office when there is a tornado warning to set the tornado sirens off, with this system he would have to set them off himself. This system cost \$35,700.00. The second system is called Sentry storm mentoring and activation system. It is connected to the National Whether system, where when they issue a tornado warning the sirens will automatically go off. Justin also mentioned with this system you can set off all 6 sirens or just 1. This system cost \$25,500.00. To replace the siren on 3rd will cost \$36,500.00. Justin mentioned they have done a package deal for the siren replacement and both systems for \$90,000.00. Larry mentioned it is a lot of money but will be worth it in the long run. Both Larry and Justin discussed about moving the siren from its current location under the water tower to either side of the water tower. Motion was made by Freddie to proceed with the \$90,000.00 for the purchase of the siren and the 2 systems that come with it, second by Brent. Motion passed.

David Riggs Code Enforcement Officer reported he did have something but when he sent the letter out, he put the wrong date.

Public Works Director Larry Dunaway reported the river, booster pump station and the lake Nichols all have work going on still. The clarifier at the water plant is being fabricated. Only thing that is getting hold up at the booster station is waiting on valves to come in. Rebuilding the bridge/culvert on Howard and Jones Street. Once that gets done will go up to Gains Street and Golf Links Road and fix that culvert. Larry mentioned with the work being done on the culverts they are also going around town and filling in the street cuts. The dredging at Lake Nichols is almost at 50% being done.

Robin Rodgers with Arkansas Great Southwest magazine introduced her self and talked about the magazine. Robin mentioned it is time for the new tourism publish to come out. The city will pay \$750.00 and Nashville Chamber of Commerce is paying \$750.00 for a total of \$1,500.00 for a full sheet in the magazine.

Mayor Dunaway presented a letter from Howard Memorial Hospital thanking the City of Nashville for the support of the hospital and the partnership to their organization.

Motion to adjourn by Donna, second by Lynn at 12:52p.m.

Signed the 22nd day of June, 2026



Lauren Clements, City Clerk



Larry Dunaway, Mayor

