

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
June 22nd, 2026**

Nashville City Council met in regular session at noon on June 22nd, 2026. Mayor Larry Dunaway called the meeting to order. Brent Thompson led in prayer and Police Chief Amy Marion led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Motion was made by William and seconded by Donna to accept the minutes of the May 18th meeting. Motion passed.

Finance Director Kimberly Green was not here so finance report was given by Mayor Dunaway. Extraordinary expenses for May were: Street- Capital Outlay: \$29,950.00 for box culvert installation at Howard and Jones Steet paid to Wooster Construction; \$10,000.00 for Golf Links culvert repair paid to Wooster Construction; \$10,000.00 for Rehab Center driveway repairs paid to Wooster Construction; \$16,500.00 for Miscellaneous concrete for street repairs paid to Wooster Construction. Water Fund- Wastewater Dept: Project #790-09344 Expense line- \$11,115.00 for Contractual Admin paid to SWAPDD, \$145,839.00 for 2nd payment for clarifier construction paid to RBIS. Franchise Fund- Transfer to Other Funds Expense: \$5,000.00 transferred to street for operating expense, \$29,950.00 transferred to street for box culvert installation at Howard and Jones Street, \$36,500.00 transferred to street for Golf Links culvert repair, Rehab Center repairs, and misc. concrete. City sales tax decreased by 5% and county increased by 78%. Motion by Donna, second by Brent to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

Meghan Floyd, Park Director reported the 4-ton air conditioner has gone out at the park office. Meghan took 4 bids. Took the bid of \$11,800.00 to replace the 4-ton unit. She also mentioned she took bids for the other 2 units at the office, since they will also need to be replaced in the future. Meghan also mentioned in the park commission minutes that there are 2 CD's at Farmer's Bank for \$50,000.00 each for 6 months through Park Activity Fund. Meghan mentioned with the interest growing in the CD's, that it will be used for park activity items like updates to the fields, equipment, trails or anything for the park. The Hope Parks and Recreational Director Summer contacted Meghan, The National Parks and Recreation Convention is going to be in Philadelphia this year. They would like Meghan and Summer to come present a talk on Small Town Big Sports topic. The committee will pay for everything but travel expenses to get there, Meghan mentioned. The city would have to cover the cost of travel. Meghan mentioned the round trip from Little Rock to Philadelphia is \$578.00. Meghan mentioned they have moved forward with the grant process for the turf fields, she has turned in everything that was needed to be turned in. Will not hear back till October and will update then.

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

Fire Chief Justin Thornton reported with Mayor Dunaway about 3-4 weeks ago there was missing person case. All of our fire and rescue, police and many other agencies helped out. Miller County brought down their mobile command center, which is set up for search and rescue and many other things. Justin, Amy, Larry and Brent all got together about getting a command center. Justin found one at an auction and bid on it. Ended up getting for a total of \$28,215.00. We also paid half of freight to get it here from

Washington State. The command center is a 2006 with only 12,000 miles on it, it's already set up for a command center. Just needs set up they way we would like it. With the county paying for half of it the city only had to pay \$20,082.00. There will be some expenses coming for the center. First thing is to get a carport behind the police station, in front of the old turner building. Will build a concrete pad and have the carport to park it under so it is not sitting in the rain. We already talked to a man about stripping and added all the logos to the side of the center. The logos will be Howard County OEM, City of Nashville, Nashville Police, Nashville Fire, Howard County Sheriffs Office. With the OEM kind of running it, anyone can use it for whatever reason. Larry mentioned something like this was needed in Howard County. Justin mentioned the second one the found was \$145,000.00. He also mentioned when Miller County brought theirs down during the search and rescue, they were working out of Justins pickup truck with it raining and everything was getting wet and probably would not have found the man when they did. Justin also mentioned it is more than just for search and rescue. They plan on having it up and running for 4th of July Stand up for America for a cooling station and also do medical stuff if needed. All the need to add it their radio systems and some other things. It has 2 slide outs with an extra room that can be used for anything. To transport from Washington State to Nashville was \$11,950.00 which was split with the county. It arrived today at the fire department.

David Riggs Code Enforcement Officer reported he has heard back on the property on 3rd and Sybert. The house is currently in probate.

Public Works Director Larry Dunaway reported the river is moving forward with getting the pump in, doing a bunch of dirt work, poured a pad, took 900 tons of gravel our of the river preparing for this. Got the building down at the booster station, getting ready to put the new one up. Still waiting on the pumps for the booster pump station. The dredging at Lake Nichols is complete, they are having to measure to see how much material they got out, they are contracted out to get 50,000 cubic yards out for testing. Now just waiting on it to dry out so we can get it spread out without it being a huge mess. There may still be a levy pushed up on the lake side for a while as we spread it to keep it from getting back into the lake. Still on a holding pattern on the clarifier at waste water plant. They have gotten several materials in and steadily putting it all together. Larry mentioned in the next 3-4 weeks should start seeing things get delivered down there to be installed. The 7th St. water tower is moving forward quickly. Larry mentioned they will have to drain the tank, isolate the tank, and let be used down to a certain point and then drain it. After all that is complete, they will start sand blasting the tank. Larry mentioned the sidewalk project is still waiting on the highway department to approve a couple of changes. It is at the 60% stage on the plans, have to go through a 30-60-90% stages before it can be put out for bids. Shouldn't be much longer Larry mentioned.

Resolution 2026-05 Application for CDBG Funds was read by City Clerk Clements. Motion was made by Donna to accept Resolution 2026-05, second by Brent. Motion passed.

Melanie Schwartz with Howard County Farmer's Market was supposed to be here today but did not show up.

Vanessa Weeks with Howard County Economic Development reported there is a lot going on but of course can not talk about it just yet.

Council member Kathy Combs asked about spraying for mosquitos around town. Larry mentioned he would get with Street Supervisor Mike after the meeting is over.

Motion to adjourn by Lynn, second by Kathy at 12:51p.m.

Signed the 27th day of July, 2026



Lauren Clements, City Clerk





Larry Dunaway, Mayor

Public Hearing for the City of Nashville, Arkansas

June 22nd, 2026

Mayor Larry Dunaway called a public hearing to order at 11:45 on Monday June 22nd, 2026. For the purpose of identifying and prioritizing the community needs of Nashville, determining whether an application for Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program (ACEDP) funds should be developed and if so, for what community need. Also, comments on proposed project activities will be discussed, especially those with possible impacts on the community, should the project receive funding.

Mayor Dunaway mentioned this is regarding Cantex and their pilot project program. The city has passed Ordinances for them to have the pilot program, which is for them to have a payment of lieu of taxes when they moved to Nashville. Mayor also mentioned this another step in the pilot program process for them. Just need signatures from Cantex to turn in to the courthouse so they can start applying the correct taxes to the property.