
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:00 pm
March 8, 2022

On this date the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas met in regular session. The following members were present and acting: Councilman Hawkins, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Jones, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Smith, and Councilwoman Isby. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder, City Clerk Michael Garrett.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Michael O. Garrett, City Clerk

Minutes: February 28th, 2022

Councilwoman Isby motioned to approve the **February 28th, 2022** meeting minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

Report of Standing Committees:

A. Community Development Committee (Airport, Community Development, Code Enforcement, Permits and Inspections, Transportation and Planning & Development)

- 1. Resolution setting a public hearing to discuss the closing of a portion of the street immediately west of 3870 Friendship Road.**

R-22-13

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A1 to the Council. James Walden told the Council that this is portion of the old Highway 25 and when ARDOT turned it over it was very close to an individual's driveway and was deemed unnecessary. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution setting a public hearing and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. A vote was called, and the Resolution passed 8-0.

- 2. Resolution requesting the Faulkner County Tax Collector place a certified lien on property located at 513 3rd Avenue for incurred cost by the City.**

R-22-14

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A2 to the Council. Paul Calvert, property owner was present to address the Council. He stated his objection to the lien placement to the Council. Spencer Clawson gave the Council a report of the steps that were taken by his department in an effort to get the property cleaned up. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilman Jones seconded it. City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder read the Arkansas state code governing the responsibility of property owners to maintain their properties according to City ordinance. A vote was taken, and the Resolution was adopted 8-0.

- 3. Ordinance appropriating funds and accepting the low bid for the overnight emergency shelter for the Community Development Department.**

O-22-26

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A3 to the Council. Shawanna Rodgers addressed the Council asking for their approval of the lowest bidder for the overnight emergency shelter. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the emergency clause and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Jones, Councilman Hawkins, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilwoman Smith, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Ledbetter, and Councilman Grimes. The Ordinance with the emergency clause passed 8-0.

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- 4. Resolution authorizing The Office of City Attorney to seek condemnation to acquire a portion of property located at 2035 Prince Street.**

R-22-15

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A4 to the Council. Charles Finkenbinder addressed the Council stating that this is a parcel of property that is part of the Donaghey Phase II project at Prince Street. He said that there has been an agreement with the property owners, but the property itself has liens on it so that when it came to closing, they were unable to close because the lien holders refused to sign the necessary documents. He added that this action would ensure that the property owners receive payment for their property in a fair and timely manner. He said that this would get money to the owners for the property that the City is already in possession of. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. A vote was called, and the Resolution passed 8-0.

- 5. Ordinance appropriating funds and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Conway Corporation for property located at 800 and 850 South Harkrider Street, and 695 Enterprise Avenue for the Transportation Department.**

O-22-27

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A5 to the Council. Mayor Castleberry told the Council that the amount on the Ordinance is actually \$70,000 less as Conway Corporation is keeping a piece of the property and will lease it to the City for one dollar a year. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Grimes, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilwoman Smith, Councilwoman Isby and Councilman Hawkins. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

B. Public Service Committee (Physical Plant, Parks & Recreation, and Sanitation)

- 1. Resolution to approve HALFF & Associates to design the Conway Soccer Complex for Parks and Recreation.**

R-22-16

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B1 to the Council. Steve Ibbotson told the Council that this engineering firm did the masterplan for the soccer complex on Museum Road. Councilwoman Smith made a motion for the adoption of the Resolution and Councilman Jones seconded it. A vote was called, and the Resolution passed 8-0.

- 2. Ordinance appropriating funds to acquire the property located at 450 Corporate Drive for the Parks & Recreation Department.**

O-22-28

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B2 to the Council. Steve Ibbotson told the Council that the Acxiom building that is integral to the Community Center and Water Park was purchased for 2.75 million dollars. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the emergency clause and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilwoman Isby, Councilwoman Smith, and Councilwoman Tucker. The Ordinance with the emergency clause passed 8-0.

C. Public Safety Committee (District Court, Department of Information Systems & Technology, Animal Welfare, Communication Emergency Operations Center, Police Fire, and Office of the City Attorney)

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1. Consideration to approve the removal of vehicles from inventory for the Conway Police Department.

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C1 to the Council. Chief Tapley addressed the Council stating that these were vehicles that the department no longer had use for and wished to auction the vehicles through public surplus. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to approve the consideration and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The motion to approve carried 8-0.

2. Ordinance appropriating reimbursement funds from various entities in the fiscal year 2021 to the CPD.

O-22-29

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C2 to the Council. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilman Ledbetter, and Councilwoman Isby. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

3. Ordinance appropriating reimbursement funds from various entities to the Conway Police Department.

O-22-30

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C3 to the Council. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilwoman Smith, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Hawkins. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 8th day of March 2022

APPROVED:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett