
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:30 pm
April 10, 2018

On this date the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas met in regular session. The following members being a quorum were present and acting: Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Jones, Alderman Grimes, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Ledbetter, and Alderwoman Isby. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, and City Clerk Michael Garrett. Alderman Pruitt and City Attorney Chuck Clawson was not present.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Michael O. Garrett

Minutes: March 27, 2018

Alderwoman Isby motioned to approve the **March 27, 2018** minutes as submitted. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

1. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Community Development Committee (Planning, Zoning, Permits, Community Development, Historic District, Streets, Airport & Conway Housing Authority)

1. Consideration to approve the nomination for the Conway Corporation Board of Directors.

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A1 to the Council stating that Mr. Jake Nabholtz was nominated to succeed Beau Connor on the Board of Directors, and moved to approve the nomination. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion to approve. The motion passed 7-0.

2. Consideration to approve the agreement with Crafton, Tull & Associates for the Siebenmorgen Road Phase II improvements for the Community Development Agreement.

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A2 to the Council. Kiera Oluokun was present to address the Council. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the agreement and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion to approve the agreement passed 7-0.

3. Resolution to express the willingness of the City to utilize Federal Aid Recreational trail program funds for the Stone Dam Creek Trail multi-use pathway project.

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Alderman Hawkins presented Item A3 to the Council. Candy Jones was present to address the Council stating that this application was one of two applications for funding for the project. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion to adopt the Resolution passed 7-0.

4. Consideration to purchase storm drainage inspection cameras for the Street & Engineering Department.

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A4 to the Council. Jamie Brice was present to address the Council. She stated that the item was a specialty item, in high demand with little supply available. As a result it was felt that reasonable bids were not obtainable. After researching prices it was determined that the National HGAC Cooperative was the best source for the cameras at \$35,144. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the agreement and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion to approve the agreement passed 7-0.

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5. Consideration to purchase a traffic light switch for the Street & Engineering Department.

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A5 to the Council. Jamie Brice stated that as 60% of the City's traffic lights are not communicating with each other, it was determined that it was imperative to obtain equipment to restore communication. Three quotes were received and the supplier SHI was the only one able to supply the switches in the quantities needed. They also happened to be the lowest price quoted at \$29,264. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the agreement and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion to approve the agreement passed 7-0.

6. Consideration to appeal the decision of the Historic District Commission regarding vinyl siding for property located at 1704 Mill Street.

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A6 to the Council stating that on March 16, the Historic District Commission reviewed a certificate of appropriateness from Eric Bryan of 1704 Mill Street. Bryan Patrick of the Planning & Development Department addressed the Council on behalf of the Historic District Commission stating that Mr. Bryan's project was approved by the Commission at an earlier date with seven conditions, one of which was that the building was to be sided with fiber or cement siding because the Commission determined that vinyl siding as requested was not appropriate in this location within the Robinson Overlay District, and because of a PUD that was granted in the same area, not wishing to set a precedence regarding vinyl siding on future projects in the neighborhood. Eric Bryan, property owner, was present to address the Council asking them to reverse the decision of the Commission based on his research showing that vinyl had been approved in the area in the past and stating that the design of his building would protect vinyl siding and eliminate the concerns over inferior quality and degeneration. Marianne Black, Vice Chairman of the Historic District Commission was present to address the Council. She stated that all the development within the Historic District was carefully considered on a case by case basis within the larger scheme of the historic neighborhoods. She clarified that the Commission has always been rigorous with the enforcement of appropriate sidings on buildings in the District and was looking into ways to better communicate regulations in general, which come from standards of practice in other communities and from the National Park Service. When asked about other structures in the area with vinyl siding, Bryan Patrick stated that these structures were built prior to the formation of the Historic District and were not reviewed in the process. Alderman Grimes made a motion to approve the consideration to overturn the decision of the HDC and Alderman Hawkins seconded it. The Council voted unanimously "No", to deny the consideration to overturn the decision of the Historic District Commission. The vote was 7-0 against the appeal.

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

1. Consideration to approve the bid for restroom facilities in Fifth Avenue Park & Beaverfork Park for the Parks & Recreation Department.

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B1 to the Council. Steve Ibbotson, Director of Parks & Recreation addressed the Council stating that two bids were received for restroom facilities at Fifth Avenue Park and Beaverfork Park. Salter Construction was the lowest bidder at \$330,304. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the agreement and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion to approve the agreement passed 7-0.

Mayor Castleberry asked the Council to suspend the rules in order to hear a time-sensitive matter regarding grant funds from Metroplan's TAP funds. Alderman Isby made a motion to suspend the rules and Alderman Jones seconded it. The motion passed 7-0.

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Candy Jones, Grant Coordinator explained that \$100,000 was awarded to the City from Metroplan for the Stone Dam Creek Trail but was now requesting that money be transferred for use on the Dave Ward Pedestrian Overpass because that project is ready to begin. The request was approved by Metroplan and the Highway Department and as a result the City will receive an additional \$100,000 in grant funds for a total of \$1,111,000. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion to adopt the Resolution passed 7-0.

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 10th day of April, 2018

APPROVED:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett