
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:00 pm
April 11, 2023

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: Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Webb, and Councilwoman Isby. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Clerk Michael Garrett, and City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder. Councilman Hawkins was not present.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Michael Garrett, City Clerk

Minutes: March 28, 2023

Councilwoman Isby made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The motion carried 7-0.

Report of Standing Committees:

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

1. Consideration to approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board nominations.

Mayor Castleberry presented Item A1 to the Council and read the names of the nominees. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to approve the nominations of Lori Ross, Adena White, and Carole Delaney. Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. A vote was called, and the motion carried 7-0.

2. Consideration to approve the Conway Corporation Board of Directors nomination.

Mayor Castleberry presented Item A2 to the Council and read the name of the nominee. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to approve the nomination of Dr. Kateryna Pitchford for the Board of Directors. Councilwoman Mehl seconded the motion. A vote was called, and the motion carried 7-0.

3. Resolution to approve the selections of artists for the City of Conway Art Mural projects.

R-23-18

Mayor Castleberry presented Item A3 to the Council stating that the goal is to have murals painted on City buildings, fire stations, etc. He said that a list of artists was being presented for Council's approval. Councilman Jones made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. A vote was called, and the Resolution passed 7-0.

4. Ordinance approving the addition of support staff for Conway Airport.

O-23-31

Mayor Castleberry presented Item A4 to the Council. Jake Briley of the Conway Regional Airport told the Council that this Ordinance would add another Line Tech to the two full-time Line Tech positions already existing. He said the additional position is needed due to the increase in fuel sales and service needs. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the emergency clause and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Jones, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilwoman Webb, Councilwoman Isby, and Councilwoman Mehl. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

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5. Resolution to approve JCI Construction Inc, for the College Avenue and Farris Road Roundabout project for the Transportation Department.

R-23-19

Mayor Castleberry presented Item A5 to the Council. Kurt Jones of the Transportation Department told the Council that open bids were accepted for the roundabout at College and Farris. He said that the bids came in higher than expected and reminded them that costs have increased for building materials. He said that he was confident that it would be completed for under one million dollars. He added that the funds will come from the Impact Fee account which has a little over two million dollars in the account. Councilwoman Mehl asked how long it would take to complete the project and Mr. Jones replied that he thought there had been approximately 150-180 calendar days projected. He said that he hoped to have it completed by the end of the summer and before school starts again. Mayor Castleberry told the Council that JCI Construction has done a number of projects for the City and has done a good job. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. A vote was called, and the Resolution passed 7-0.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 11th day of April 2023

APPROVED:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett