
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:00 pm
May 23, 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 Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Jones, and Councilwoman Isby. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Clerk Michael Garrett, and City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder. Councilwoman Mehl and Councilwoman Webb were absent.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Michael Garrett, City Clerk

Minutes: May 9th, 2023

Councilwoman Isby made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Councilwoman Tucker seconded it. The motion carried 6-0.

Monthly Financial Report: Month ending April 30, 2023

Mayor Castleberry asked the Council if they had any questions regarding the financial report sent to them by Mr. Winningham, who was out of town. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to approve the monthly financial report as submitted and Councilwoman Tucker seconded it. The motion carried 6-0.

Report of Standing Committees:

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

1. Consideration to approve the waiving of all three readings for the ordinances on the May 23rd City Council Agenda.

Mayor Castleberry asked for a motion to waive the three readings for the ordinances on the evening's agenda. Councilman Jones made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 6-0.

2. Ordinance approving the Private Club permit location for Nando's Mexican Restaurant of Conway, Inc. to be located at 955 Covington Way.

O-23-42

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A2 to the Council. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilman Jones seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Jones, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilman Hawkins, and Councilwoman Isby. The Ordinance passed 6-0.

3. Ordinance to rezone +- 1.87 acres located on the north side of Old Morrilton Highway between the Salem Road and Friendship Road intersections from R-2 to O-1.

O-23-43

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A3 to the Council. Kris Paxton, Planning Director addressed the Council stating that that traffic impact has a potential to be significant with the rezoning to O-1 associated with the industrial uses such as schools and churches, however the applicant has not stated a defined use for the property. He added that the zoning is consistent with the type of development commonly found with a PUD. He said that this area will likely develop with high intensity uses in the future. He said the Planning

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Commission reviewed the request and voted 10-0 to forward to City Council with the recommendation for approval. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Tucker seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Hawkins, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Jones, and Councilman Grimes. The Ordinance passed 6-0.

**4. Ordinance to rezone +- 0.55 acres located on the south side of Pike Ridge Road from R-1 to C-3.
O-23-44**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A4 to the Council. Kris Paxton addressed the Council stating that the requested rezoning district is congruent with the comprehensive plan and will likely not have a negative impact on the adjacent property. He added that the staff as well as the Planning Commission recommends approval of the rezoning. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilman Hawkins seconded it. Councilman Grimes asked Mr. Paxton about access to the property from Old Morrilton Highway, and Mr. Paxton replied that it would have to go through the development review process to determine the answer to the question. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Isby, Councilwoman Tucker, and Councilman Grimes. The Ordinance passed 6-0.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 23rd day of May 2023

APPROVED:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett