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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

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Conway, Arkansas  
Tuesday 6:30 pm  
June 10, 2014

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 Pruitt, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Jones, and Alderwoman Whitmore. Also, present and acting: Mayor Tab Townsell, City Clerk Michael Garrett and City Attorney Michael Murphy.

**Call to Order: Mayor Tab Townsell**

**Roll Call: City Clerk/Michael O. Garrett**

**Minutes Approval: May 27, 2014**

Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to approve the May 27, 2014 minutes as submitted. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 8 -0.

**1. Report of Standing Committees:**

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

- 1. Resolution requesting the Faulkner County Tax Collector place a lien against property located 1923 Washington Avenue for expenses incurred by the City.**

**R-14-15**

Alderman Hawkins stated the property address is 1923 Washington Ave; the cost of cleanup was \$327.01 (\$270.01 + Penalty \$27.00 + filing fee \$30.00). There was no one present to speak to this issue. Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt the resolution. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

- 2. Consideration to enter into an agreement for on call services for professional engineering services for the Conway Street Department.**

Finley Vinson, City Engineer, explained Ronnie Hall's retirement leaves the Street Dept. with a vacant position of which we would like to fill by adding Mr. Hall on as a part time consultant. City Attorney Michael Murphy asked if any thought has been given to hiring Mr. Hall as a part time employee, as these services would need to go through an RFP process as required by state statutes. Mr. Vinson stated we could consider that and asked what would dictate the salary. Mr. Murphy stated if it is set up as what -he did for his services, reiterating if you just contract, separate and apart from him being an employee this would be bound by state statutes. Mayor Townsell asked if council would simply consider this as a part-time employee at a billable rate of \$80.00 per hour, which will be by far the highest rate of any employee in the city. Mr. Vinson asked how we do this for Mike Jeton. Mayor Townsell stated he does not know. Mr. Vinson stated he was under the impression that we handled his contract in the same manner as the proposed contract. Mayor Townsell stated he is not familiar with that, but if Mr. Murphy feels this should fall under the RFP or part-time employee status; Mr. Hall is needed now. Mr. Vinson stated we can do RFP and he is sure he

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would qualify as he is the only one that is experienced with these projects. Mr. Vinson stated we may need to adjust the rate slightly as the contract agrees to cover Mr. Halls mileage etc. and he may need to discuss this with Mr. Hall. Alderwoman Mehl stated council has discussed this and we collectively agreed to ask Mr. Vinson to do this. Alderman Pruitt motioned to make Mr. Hall a part-time employee at \$80.00 per hour. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. Alderman Grimes stated he would like to re-evaluate this in December. After some discussion the motion passed 8-0.

**3. Consideration to award the bid for the fuel system and authorize the Mayor to apply for the Arkansas Department of Aeronautic Grant for the new Conway Municipal Airport.**

Josh Zylks, Airport Manager, explained the tanks include a 20,000 gallon tank for jet fuel, a 12,000 gallon tank for A v gasoline. Mr. Zylks stated the jet tank will allow us to refill our trucks for full service to the customer or if the customer chooses to fuel their own plane, a credit card reader system will be available. Mr. Zylks recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder Cobb Environmental in the amount of \$345,114.16. Mr. Zylks explained if approved, this will allow the Mayor to pursue, he believes, a 50/50 grant with the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics which would cover \$150,000.00 of this amount which would put the city's part at \$195,114.00. Alderwoman Smith motioned to accept the low bidder. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

**4. Discussion of an ordinance calling and setting a date for a special election for the issuance of capital improvement bonds by the City of Conway.**

**O-14-48**

Gordon Wilbourn, Kutak Rock Law Firm, explained this ordinance will re-dedicate the existing sales tax the city already has in place, which will require a refunding the Series 2012 bonds; those taxes are pledged to those bonds. Mr. Wilbourn explained you can do this to extend out the period of time that is going to run, and get \$21 million of new money bonds issued; in order to do this, 2 questions are required on the ballot. Mr. Gordon explained this ordinance would allow a special election to be held on September 9, 2014, and to hit this date council would need to pass this proposed ordinance this month; anything beyond this would push it into the next month. Mr. Wilbourn stated the street question is worded very broadly to give you flexibility on where that money is spent, but it does comply with state law and feels all the projects talked about will fit into this question. Jack Trumper, Stephens Inc., stated this amount is not the net amount to the city as you have to consider how it is priced; it is possible the city will net \$19.8 - \$20 million. Mayor Townsell explained this is taking an existing one-eighth of a cent, which is all that is left bonded, of the original one-half cent bonded passed in 1987. Mayor Townsell stated this has been re-dedicated a number of times since then and various components have split off; this has been working for the city to build the infrastructure needed to handle growth, but now it is only one-eighth of a cent bonded rather than a one-half cent. Mr. Wilbourn stated that is correct, you may recall the other one-eighth of a cent issue you pledged serves as back up coverage, but just like the previous bond issue, anticipate fully servicing the debt with the one-eighth cent. Mr. Wilbourn stated in order to get you the best rates in the market you have the other as back-up which will provide you two times coverage on your debt service. Mayor Townsell stated this bond issue would allow us to bring new money to the equation as we try to fund all these major improvements

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with \$2.7 million dollars annually, which is the amount left of the one-quarter cent pay-as-you-go sales tax, and we cannot fund everything, in a timely fashion, with this source of revenue along with 5 year financing. Alderwoman Mehl stated the pay-as-you-go stays. Mayor Townsell stated yes, but we could potentially add \$19 - \$20 million onetime monies to the \$2.7 million pay-as-you-go money annually, which would allow us to do everything we are trying to do and more. Mayor Townsell went onto say this is an enabling opportunity for the city and will help bring many things to Conway that would not normally come without these street improvements and without increasing taxes. Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Mr. Wilbourn stated he will need a second vote on the emergency clause. The motion passed 8-0. Alderman Hawkins motioned to adopt the ordinance and the emergency clause. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderman Jones. The motion passed 8-0. The clerk called the roll for the emergency clause with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderman Jones. The motion passed 8-0.

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

- 1. Ordinance to accept donations and appropriate funds for the City of Conway Dog Park located at the Don Owens Sport Complex.**

**O-14-49**

Steve Ibbotson, Parks Director, stated we have received \$25,000.00 from PetSafe and explained the project will cost us approximately \$50,000.00 to complete. Mr. Ibbotson stated the park will cover roughly 4 acres behind Don Owens Complex. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. Mayor Townsell stated this will take the \$25,000.00 donation and place it in an expense account to be used for the project; the city will need to match this amount. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderman Jones. The motion passed 8-0.

- 2. Ordinance appropriating funding for the construction of Braves Field and renovation of Peyton Hillis Field for the Conway Parks & Recreation Department.**

**O-14-50**

Steve Ibbotson, Parks Director, explained approving this ordinance will build Braves Field, sidewalks, repair parking, press box, lighting, scoreboard, and concrete bleachers. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Mayor Townsell stated the funding is already in the bank and \$913,429.00 will come from A&P Fund Balance, and \$300,000.00 which will come from the Parks and Recreation Impact Fee Fund Balance. Mayor Townsell

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stated this does not include the privately donated funds the city has received in the amount of \$300,000.00. Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderman Jones. The motion passed 8-0.

**3. Consideration to accept the proposal submitted by Terracon for the assessment of and possible turn-key development of a landfill gas to energy project at the Conway Landfill.**

Cheryl Harrington, Sanitation Director, explained this would be considered a Phase I study to determine if we produce enough gas to fuel our own vehicles with CNG; the cost for Phase I is \$101,545.00 and recommended council accept the RFQ from Terracon. Alderwoman Smith motioned to accept the RFQ from Terracon. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

**4. Consideration to seek authorization for the City Attorney's Office to file suit against North America Recycling for the Conway Sanitation Department.**

City Attorney Michael Murphy stated he has been informed by Sanitation Director Cheryl Harrington that North America Recycling has not paid for their recyclables and recyclable material we shipped to them. Mr. Murphy stated he has emailed the president of the company 2-3 times over a period of 5-6 months, and was told that they would get with Ms. Harrington and pay their bill, to date this has not happened. Mr. Murphy stated Ms. Harrington provided his office with documentation which shows they owe approximately \$31,000.00. Alderwoman Smith motioned to approve the filing of a law suit against North America Recycling. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. Mayor Townsell stated for the record the total amount is \$31,603.80. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 7-0. Alderman Pruitt left the meeting prior to the vote.

**5. Discussion of an adjustment request from Haynie Companies (KFC) from the Conway Sanitation Department.**

Scott Swearingen, representing Chad Jones President Haynie Companies, stated he hopes everyone has had a chance to review the information he has provided and understand the facts as they see them, and hope we can come to a fair resolution; the question here tonight is if the Conway Sanitation Dept. serviced KFC, located at 2670 Donaghey Ave, 4 times per week as billed, or 2 times a week as observed by employees at the store level and also admitted to by employees of the Sanitation Dept. Mr. Swearingen stated the research seems clear that KFC has been serviced 2 times per week for almost 10 years. Dale Westin, KFC Assistant Manager, stated he has worked at KFC since 2012, and since this time he has observed the Sanitation Dept. picking up trash on Tuesday's and Friday's up until approximately 2 months ago. Mr. Westin stated the trash can is always over filled and the trash had to be manually pushed down in order to put more trash in the dumpster. Mayor Townsell asked what time Mr. Westin arrives at the restaurant. Mr. Westin stated approximately 7:00 am. Mr. Swearingen stated this came about when he looked into the service due to the costs, which was approximately \$800.00 per month, upon speaking with an employee at the Sanitation Dept. on January 20, 2014 he was informed one system showed service 4 times per week, while another system showed 2 times per week, at which

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time the employee asked Mr. Swearingen if he knew which one it was. Mr. Swearingen stated he then called the Manger of KFC who informed him it was 2 times per week, Monday's and Friday's, and it had always been this way for as long as the manager has been there. Mr. Swearingen stated the previous manager was contacted which would cover a time span going back to 2010. Mr. Swearingen stated after confirming this, he spoke to another representative at the Sanitation Dept., and he too confirmed that we were on 2 times per week and it had been this way for as long as he could tell; from what they could tell he was not only an office employee, but also appeared to be driving trucks himself, and that he could grasp day to day operations. Mr. Swearingen stated he then spoke with Dan Allen at Conway Corporation who provided him a snapshot of billing charges for the previous 10 years; for the extent of that duration KFC has been charged for 24 yards of service per week. Mr. Swearingen stated on January 23, 2014 he spoke to D.A. Campbell at the Sanitation Dept. and Mr. Campbell confirmed his system showed 2 times per week services for as long as he could see; during this conversation Mr. Campbell stated KFC was entitled to what you are entitled to, and agreed that a refund was owed. Mr. Swearingen explained Mr. Campbell said he could provide 6 months' worth of refunds immediately, and if we wanted more we would have to before city council; it was at this point we formally asked for a refund in a letter dated January 31, 2014 in the amount of \$40,904.67 which represents the amount of overcharges; the difference of 24 yards of service being billed and 12 yards of service being provided. Mr. Swearingen stated the letter was not formally responded to which led us to seek advice from legal counsel; we received notice that no refund would be issued and the statement from the Sanitation Dept. KFC was always serviced 4 times per week. Mr. Swearingen then asked for, and was provided with route sheets that indeed indicated they had serviced 4 times per week, however through our own investigation the route sheets had numerous errors including, showing services to businesses that were not even in business at the time and other days where services were not provided or not checked off by drivers. Mr. Swearingen went onto say they do not feel the data is reliable and should not outweigh the words of store employees and the Conway Sanitation Dept. Mr. Swearingen stated they have no desire to through formal litigation and hopes we can come to a resolution tonight that is fair and nothing more. Mayor Townsell stated what Mr. Campbell said was correct, that whatever they are justified in getting they should get; if we only serviced 2 times per week then they should be entitled to a refund to the extent we can; there are questions to this and we do not know if 10 years is the appropriate number as City Attorney Michael Murphy can address that. Cheryl Harrington, Sanitation Director, stated on May 14, 2014 she and the HR Director sat down with each commercial front load truck driver, they were interviewed individually, not forewarning them what was to be discussed, and each truck driver provided her with the days they were issued to pick up, some of them were not a part of that system which confirmed, through each driver, that KFC has been picked up 4 times per week; 2 drivers are 10 year plus employees, and one of them has consistently ran a truck Monday and Wednesday and also ran the Saturday route Friday. Ms. Harrington stated the other truck is the Friday truck, therefore you get your Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and she feels very confident that her employees know what they do, and that they have fulfilled the 4 times per week up until the request to change service to a Monday and Thursday in February of 2014, at which time the service was changed. Mayor Townsell asked on May 14, 2014, when the drivers were talked to, they did not answer just for that day, it was an answer based on their longer experience up to 10 years with the Sanitation Dept. Ms. Harrington stated yes. Ms. Harrington stated no refunds are issued through our department without first discussing the issue with the Mayor, and she can only remember one instance where we had that discussion. Ms. Harrington stated the driver's logs are

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internal documents that are used daily by the drivers; as you know employees call in sick etc. and stated we do not use addresses, we use store names referencing Mr. Swearingen's comment that some businesses, listed on these logs, are no longer in business at which time Ms. Harrington gave an example; on August 1, 2013 "Something Brewing" was no longer in business as "Something Brewing", it had become "The Patio Café" and explained employees who have continuously picked up "Something Brewing" would be confused if I were to put a sheet in front of them today, that said "The Patio Café", this is why we keep the name "Something Brewing"; the name was eventually changed to "Old Something Brewing which is now The Patio Café". Ms. Harrington has charges from Conway Corporation that show, the charges were removed from "Something Brewing" and added to "The Patio Café". Ms. Harrington stated Conway Corporation interfacing has nothing to do with the drivers log, the log is for the drivers and Conway Corporation interface billing is what we actually charge customers from; if one does not work internally one may not understand the drivers log. Alderwoman Mehl asked what the log entails. Ms. Harrington presented council with a log to review. Alderman Hawkins asked if the business is checked off once the driver given the log sheet and they make the stop. Ms. Harrington stated yes. Alderman Hawkins if we have these logs for this 10 year period of time. Ms. Harrington stated no, we keep approximately 3 months' worth at a time due to their volume, but they are really for internal staff; if a business owner contacts the Sanitation Dept. next week, regarding a missed service from last week, we would pull the driver's log, contact the driver, and inform him of the issue. Ms. Harrington stated if a driver has never driven 150's route it is a good way for them to check the pickups off as they go. Alderman Hawkins asked what time the assistant manager of KFC arrives at work. Mr. Westin stated 7 am. Alderwoman Smith stated she personally stands behind our Sanitation Dept. and does not believe they would purposely do this. Mr. Swearingen stated he is not saying this issue was sinister in any way, he believes it is possible there was some confusion of KFC's service, but he is not sure what was on the route sheets, is what was actually provided. Mr. Swearingen asked if Mr. Campbell was a driver that was talked to. Ms. Harrington stated no, Mr. Campbell is a manager, not a driver. Mr. Swearingen is not sure how Mr. Campbell told him "assuredly" the service was 2 times per week for as long as his system showed. Ms. Harrington stated truck 150 picks up 2 times per week, truck 153 picks up 2 times per week which shows 2 times per week, 2 times per week, and 4 times per week. Mayor Townsell stated it was Mr. Campbell's voice on the recording and he did not say "assuredly" on the recording, and that Mr. Swearingen stated "we were only picked up 2 times a week, and Mr. Campbell said "it appears that way". Mayor Townsell stated it is council's call, but we have not responded to date because we could not definitively say, this was done or not done. Alderman Hawkins asked if there are rules about recording a conversation. City Attorney Michael Murphy stated Arkansas has a one-party consent requirement, meaning if someone called me, I could legally record our phone conversation. Mayor Townsell stated if there was a smoking gun our recommendation would be to refund them whatever we are responsible for according to law, but we are not seeing the absolute smoking gun yet and stated he is on board for doing whatever we need to do to make it right, but we can only address what we can clearly see as stewards of public money. Mr. Swearingen stated we have employees from both sides that said the services were 2 times per week. Alderwoman Mehl stated our investigation shows 4 times per week. Alderwoman Smith stated their employee does not get there until 7 am. Mr. Swearingen stated once an employee arrives, it is clear to see if the trash has been picked up. Mayor Townsell reminded council if this goes to court and it is determined that we have overcharged them, we would have to pay the amount overcharged and most likely attorney's fees. Alderman Ledbetter asked if the refund would span a 10 year period. Mr.

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Murphy stated there are two issues, first there is at least a 5 year statute of limitation on an instrument of writings, or billings, and also the principal of voluntary payment is not necessarily dependent on the bill KFC received, the rates are public record and we are presumed to know the law. Mr. Murphy stated at some point during the 10 years, and up to when this issue was discovered, the principal of voluntary payments could be argued and then, there is a public policy interest to not allow these amounts to accumulate over a period of years, and to have the municipality come up with a large sum of money. Mr. Murphy stated this is not necessarily fair, if there were an overcharge and council is within its authority to determine what amount might be and make compensation. Alderman Hawkins stated after hearing Mr. Murphy he does not feel we should issue a refund right now. Council concurred. Mayor Townsell stated if we do act, it is because what we have here is just not clear, and recognizing that if there is a miscarriage of justice, they have a right to pursue it in court, which means we have a higher risk involved by possible law suits. Mayor Townsell stated with no recommendation from council we will proceed on without action. Alderman Jones exited the meeting during discussion.

**C. Public Safety Committee (Police, Fire, District Court, CEOC, Information Technology, City Attorney, & Animal Welfare)**

**1. Consideration to remove computer equipment from the asset inventory for the Conway IT Dept.**

Alderman Hawkins motioned to approve removing the listed items from inventory and dispose of them according to state law. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 6-0. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, and Alderwoman Whitmore. The motion passed 6-0.

**2. Ordinance accepting donated computer equipment to the Conway IT Department.**

**O-14-51**

Mayor Townsell stated we are accepting 8 Hewlett Packard Elite Pads, jackets, and 1-Z420 workstations. Lloyd Hartzell stated the estimated value should be \$7,690.00; this amount will need to be corrected on the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, and Alderwoman Whitmore. The motion passed 6-0.

**3. Ordinance accepting and appropriating grant proceeds awarded to the City of Conway - 2014 Court Security Grant.**

**O-14-52**

Mayor Townsell stated Faulkner County was awarded a grant by the State of Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts for Security and Emergency preparedness; the city has been approved by the County to be a sub-recipient of \$5,400.00 of this grant. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded

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the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, and Alderwoman Whitmore. The motion passed 6-0.

**4. Ordinance appropriating funds from various donors for the Conway Fire Department.**

**O-14-53**

Mayor Townsell explained the Fire Dept. has received \$874.00 in donations in order to purchase replacement duty t-shirts. Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, and Alderwoman Whitmore. The motion passed 6-0.

**5. Ordinance appropriating reimbursements funds from various entities for the Conway Animal Welfare Unit.**

**O-14-54**

Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, and Alderwoman Whitmore. The motion passed 6-0.

**6. Ordinance appropriating reimbursement funds from various entities for the Conway Police Department.**

**O-14-55**

Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, and Alderwoman Whitmore. The motion passed 6-0.

**7. Ordinance accepting donated funds from Conway Public Schools for a K9 police dog for the Conway Police Department.**

**O-14-56**

Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. Alderwoman Smith asked



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where the K-9 will be used. A.J. Gary, Chief of Police, stated mostly at the Junior High School and gave a brief synopsis of the program to council. There was no further discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, and Alderwoman Whitmore. The motion passed 6-0.

8. **Consideration for approval to apply for the 2014 Justice Assistance Grant for the Conway Police Department.**

O-14-57

A.J. Gary, Chief of Police, explained we apply for the JAG grant each year jointly with the Faulkner County Sheriff's Office, and the \$24,225.00 will be split equally between both agencies; there is no requirement for matching funds and we plan to use these funds to purchase patrol rifles. Alderwoman Smith motioned to approve the grant application. Alderwoman Hawkins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 6-0.

9. **Consideration to enter into an agreement with the Conway Public Schools for the School Resource Officer Program for the 2014-2015 school year.**

A.J. Gary, Chief of Police, explained we have been a part of this program for a number of years, we feel it is very successful. Chief Gary stated we have added additional School Resource Officers (SRO) over the years; Conway School Districts portion is \$280,000.00 which represents approximately one-half the total costs associated with the officer's salaries and benefits etc. The term of the agreement is from July 1, 2014 through July 30, 2015. Alderwoman Smith motioned to approve the agreement. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. Mayor Townsell stated this program provides 7 Officers and 1 Sargent on a full time basis to the Conway Public School District. There was no discussion. The motion passed 6-0.

*Adjournment*

**PASSED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014**

**APPROVED:**

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**Mayor Tab Townsell**

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**City Clerk Michael O. Garrett**