
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
August 29, 2006

On this date the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas met in special session. The following members being a quorum were present and acting; Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Brewer, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Bell, and Alderwoman Whitmore. Alderman Weeks was not in attendance. Also, present and acting: Mayor Tab Townsell, City Attorney Michael Murphy and City Clerk Michael Garrett.

1. *Invocation, Pledge, Call to Order*
2. *Roll Call*
3. *Public Hearing:*

A. Public hearing to discuss adopting amendments to the proposed Conway Sign Ordinance (Revision 10).

3:06 - Interstate Signage - Sign Permit Required: Alderman Bell motioned to have the zone within 1,000 feet of the centerline of I-40 through and around the new Hwy 64 W interchange and through and around Dave Ward Dr interchange. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Alderman Bell motioned to have the size of an *on premise sign* be 300 sq. ft. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. It was agreed upon to leave the *height of an on premise sign* as is and to strike the *monument sign* in the interstate corridor area. It was agreed to allow static only *LED fuel price signs* in the interstate corridor area. **Section 4 – Nonconforming Signs: Damaged Signs** - The committee's consensus was if a sign is damaged by 50% or more the owner must obtain 3 estimates, two (2) performed by sign companies and one (1) by an insurance adjuster, to determine the amount of damage. If the sign is damaged by 50% or more, the sign would loose it's non-conforming status and would have to be replaced with a conforming sign. After further discussion, the Council decided to allow the 3 estimates be done by sign companies and to figure the damage as an average of the 3 estimates. **Section 4.01 - 2A** stays in place. **Section 4.01 – 2B Abandoned Signs:** Leave wording as is and create a definition for disrepair. If a business has a sign that is in very bad shape a new section will be created for this issue. It was decided to move *4.01 2/B* to *Section 4:03*. In *4:03* Change 60 days to 90 days, remove the 30 days and add abandoned **Section 4.02 – Loss of Legal Nonconforming Status: 4.02 I/A** - It was decided that this item should say "If a sign face is damaged or destroyed or is to be replaced, the face may be replaced without loss of non-conforming status. The sign structure may be placed on the ground for purposes of replacement only and should be immediately re-installed." *4.02 B* - Language stating "outside the interstate corridor" should be added in this area. *5.01 C* – "More than 50%" should be added in this area. *4.02.6 A,B, & C* will be removed completely. **Section 6 – Administration**

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and Enforcement 6.03 Permit Fees - The cost was lowered from \$100.00 to \$35.00. *Banners* - one per business location with a renewable one year permit being on a calendar year to be purchased by the end of each January; the fee will not be pro-rated and no banner will be grandfathered in. *Section 6.06 - Variances for Signs:* Variances will be allowed except for size; not to include height. This will be taken before the Planning Director, and if denied it can be brought before the council. The variance request will cost \$200.00. *Section 6.11 – Sign Board of Review:* This section will be removed.

Adjournment

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED this 29th day of August 2006

APPROVED:

Mayor Tab Townsell

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett