
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
April 8, 2008

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; Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Vaught, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Bell, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderman Grimes. Also, present and acting: Mayor Tab Townsell, City Clerk Michael Garrett, and City Attorney Michael Murphy.

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Roll Call*
3. *Minutes: March 25th, 2008*

Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to approve the March 25, 2008 minutes as submitted. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

4. *Recognition of Guests:* None
5. *Public Hearings:* None
6. *Report of Standing Committees:*

A. Economic Development Committee (Airport, Conway Corporation, Conway Development Corporation)

1. **Ordinance appropriating funds for expenditures associated with the new airport.**

O-08-37

Mayor Townsell stated this request is for \$20,000 and will help cover the cost of supplies, consulting fees, legal notices, and other related costs. Alderman Hawkins motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderman Hawkins motioned to adopt the ordinance and the emergency clause. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, Alderwoman

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Smith, Alderman Bell, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderwoman Mehl. The motion passed 8-0.

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

- 1. Resolution setting a public hearing for April 22, 2008 to discuss the closing of an easement in Runaway Park Subdivision.**

R-08-10

Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to adopt the resolution. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

- 2. Resolution ordering the removal of a dilapidated structure on property on 2321 Washington Avenue.**

Mayor Townsell recommended this item be held in committee as the property owners are addressing the issue. Alderwoman Smith motioned to hold this item in committee. Alderman Hawkins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

- 3. Consideration of a request by the Conway Downtown Post office for the City to provide additional parking signage.**

Mayor Townsell explained that restaurant patrons are occupying the front parking spots at the post office in the evening hours, which leaves no parking spots for post office patrons who come after business hours. Mayor Townsell stated the Postmaster has requested that four parking spots be reserved 24 hours a day for postal customers only and to enforce the handicap parking spot. Alderman Bell motioned to move forward with the request. Alderman Grimes seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0-1. Alderman Jones abstained.

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

- 1. Ordinance appropriating revenue funds to the Conway Sanitation Department to repair the D6 Cat Dozer.**

O-08-38

Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderman Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. 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 Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bell, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderwoman Mehl. The motion passed 8-0.

D. Public Safety Committee (Police, CEOC, IT Technology, Fire, Dist. Court & City Att., & Animal Control)

1. Consideration of bids to purchase turnout gear for the CFD.

Alderman Bell motioned to accept the bid on Sperian by Pro Fire in the amount of \$1,756.90. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

2. Ordinance authorizing District Court to disburse certain fines and fees directly to Faulkner County on behalf of the City.

O-08-39

Mayor Townsell explained this will allow the five dollar (\$5.00) fee that is collected on every citation be sent directly to the county to cover our \$18,000 yearly fee to house city prisoners in the Faulkner County Jail. Anything over and above this amount will show a good faith effort on the part of the city to adhere to the state law and help with the shortfalls at the county jail. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderman Bell motioned to adopt the ordinance and the emergency clause. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bell, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderwoman Mehl. The motion passed 8-0.

3. Ordinance waiving bids & providing sole source vendor status for tasers and tasers cartridges for the CPD.

O-08-40

A.J. Gary, Chief of Police, stated International Tasers is the only provider for tasers and requested to use them as a sole source provider. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderman Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance and the emergency clause. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bell, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderwoman Mehl. The motion passed 8-0.

- 4. Consideration of entering into an agreement with Southwest Solutions Group & utilizing US Communities to purchase a Spacesaver High Density System for the Conway Police Department.**

Mark Elsinger, Special Projects Mgr., stated the total for the unit including installation and after discounts is \$47,037.65. Alderwoman Smith motioned to enter into this agreement. Alderman Bell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

E. Finance

- 1. Resolution requiring an audit of the accounting records for the City of Conway.**

R-08-11

Alderman Hawkins motioned to adopt the resolution. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

- 2. Consideration of a letter to engage Jeffrey, Phillips, Mosley, & Scott to conduct annual financial audit.**

Alderman Hawkins motioned to enter into the agreement. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

Alderman Bell announced he will not seek re-election and will leave the city council at mid-year. Mayor Townsell announced that Alderman Bell

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will be coming to work for the city as his assistant. Mayor Townsell explained that Alderman Bell will bring a wealth of knowledge and will be a great asset to the city; his starting date will be July 1, 2008. Mayor Townsell recommended selecting someone who is not running for city council to finish Alderman Bell's term.

7. *Old Business*

8. *New Business*

Adjournment

PASSED this 8TH day of April 2008

APPROVED:

Mayor Tab Townsell

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett