
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
June 29, 2010

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, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Whitmore, Alderman Rhodes, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Vaught, Alderman Jones, and Alderman Grimes. Also, present and acting: Mayor Tab Townsell, City Clerk Michael Garrett, and City Attorney Michael Murphy. Alderman Grimes was not in attendance.

Call to Order
Roll Call

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

- 1. Consideration for approval of Conway's portion of the consortium agreement with WES, Inc for preparation of the Analysis of Impediments and conditionally approving for CDBG to enter into an agreement with a firm for the Consolidated Plan. .**

Lauralee McCool, CDBG Director, explained we have hired Western Economic Services, LLC (WES LLC) to write our Analysis Impediments contract approved at the last council meeting. Ms. McCool stated we are now considering them to write our 5 year consolidated plan that is also a document required by HUD and it outlines our goals for the next 5 years explaining we are looking to enter into a consortium with several other Arkansas cities and Conway's obligation would be \$21,238.52. Mayor Townsell stated this is something we do every 5 years and for a number of years all we did was street work but since we have starting donating to CAPCA, Bethlehem House, etc. it has developed into a variety of developmental projects that we in all honesty we have not done well in the past and feels this would be good first step in moving us towards seeing what a good consolidated plan is and perhaps in 5 years we can do this ourselves. Jack Sotallaro asked if there was a way we could look at some other cities consolidated plans, receive some mentoring, and do this ourselves without spending this money. Mayor Townsell stated he does not feel this is a good source for us. Ms. McCool stated we would be starting from scratch and we are the only city that has a one person staff. Mr. Sotallaro asked if we have the money for this. Ms. McCool stated yes, this comes from federal funding and the CDBG funds can only be used for CDBG projects. Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to approve to enter into this agreement. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

Adjournment

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PASSED this 29th day of June 2010

APPROVED:

Mayor Tab Townsell

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett