ORDINANCE NO. 76-5

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC RELATION ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 1976, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. It has been found and is declared that because of the nature of the duties imposed upon the office of mayor by the Constitution, Statutes of the State and Ordinances of the City, that the mayor is subjected to great financial burdens, often approaching hardship; arising out of the necessity of maintaining satisfactory public relations with official visits of neighboring cities, the states and the Federal Government, as well as other personages whose goodwill is essential to the welfare of the City of Conway. The renumeration of office of such mayor is inadequate to bear this additional necessary expense, and there is urgent need to remedy the inequity of this situation. It is, therefore, the purpose of this ordinance to promote the common good of the City of Conway by providing funds which will enable the mayor to continue beneficial public relation activities without personal financial hardships.

Section 2. There is, hereby, appropriated from the City's general funds to defray expenses in connection with public relations of the office of mayor hereinafter named for the calendar year, 1976, the following: Mayor ($1,500.00).

Section 3. The amount herein appropriated shall be payable on the first day of each calendar month to the mayor for reimbursement for expenses incurred in public relations activities upon invoice submitted by the mayor, said invoice to stipulate only that it is for reimbursement for expenses incurred in public relations activities. The (finance officer or city clerk) after receiving such invoice from the mayor shall issue a warrant drawn in favor of the mayor in an amount not to exceed one-twelfth (1/12) of the appropriation allocated to the mayor.
Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5. The City Council has determined that the maintenance of satisfactory public relations by the mayor is essential for the welfare of the City. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED: January 13, 1976

ATTEST: 
City Clerk or Recorder

(It is necessary that this Ordinance be passed each year. This Ordinance follows the ruling in Berry v Gordon, (376 S. W. (2d) 279; 237 Ark 547) wherein the Supreme Court ruled Act 399 of 1961 and Act 522 of 1969 valid. Berry v Gordon provided a public relations account for Constitutional Officers of the State.)