

Mayor Tab Townsell

City Attorney Michael Murphy

City Clerk/Treasurer Michael O. Garrett



City Council Members

- Ward 1 Position 1 – Andy Hawkins
- Ward 1 Position 2 – David Grimes
- Ward 2 Position 1 – Wesley Pruitt
- Ward 2 Position 2 – Shelley Mehl
- Ward 3 Position 1 – Mark Ledbetter
- Ward 3 Position 2 – Mary Smith
- Ward 4 Position 1 – Theodore Jones Jr.
- Ward 4 Position 2 – Shelia Whitmore

City of Conway – Special City Council Meeting

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Monday, September 16th, 2013 @ 5:00pm

Conway City Hall – Downstairs Conference Room

1201 Oak Street, Conway, AR 72032

Call to Order: Mayor Tab Townsell
Roll Call: Michael O. Garrett, City Clerk/Treasurer

1. Report of Standing Committees:

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

1. Resolution in support of a Jump Start Grant Application for the purpose of promoting community and economic development redevelopment efforts along Markham Street.
2. Ordinance approving the acquisition of property located at 1110 Spencer Street.

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

MEMO

To: Mayor Tab Townsell and Conway City Counsel
From: Lauralee McCool Director, Community Development Dept.
Date: 9/16/2013
Re: Request for Special Called Council Meeting, September 16th, 2013:
Conway Scrap Metal, Jump Start Grant

The Community Development Department is pleased to announce that agreements have been made with the Estate & Trust of Rosa M. West for a Voluntary Acquisition by the City of Conway for the approximately 1.44 acres of land located at 1110 Spencer Street. The business, Conway Scrap Metal, intends to re-locate its operations to an area better suited to serve its growing customer base and business needs.

In addition, we have successfully submitted an application for the Jump Start Grant to Metroplan. If awarded, this grant could mean up to \$180,000 in resources towards a design and implementation plan for the Markham Street Corridor. This grant application requires Council support, which must be obtained before September 20th, 2013.

Therefore, due to the cancellation of the September 17th Council meeting, we are requesting a specially called meeting of the council to review and consider approval of the attached ordinance for the allocation of funds for the acquisition of land located at 1110 Spencer Street, and an ordinance allocating funds for match requirements for this grant, along with a support letter from Council for this project.



**City of Conway, Arkansas
Resolution No. R-13-_____**

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF A JUMP START GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT EFFORTS ALONG MARKHAM STREET.

Whereas, the City of Conway has applied for a Jump Start Grant through Metroplan and the Imagine Central Arkansas Partners for up to \$180,000 for project plans that address economic development, transportation, housing, development patterns, health and environmental needs; and

Whereas, the City of Conway understands the grant requires up to \$40,000 in match and up to \$10,000 in advertising and promotion of the project if awarded, and that any additional match or in-kind contributions which count as match, provided by partners in the project, will be used to offset the City's financial obligation of match; and

Whereas, the City of Conway recognizes that the future redevelopment of land currently occupied by Conway Scrap Metal will open up opportunities for redevelopment of the Markham Street Area, a section of downtown, and this area fits well with the goals of the Jump Start Program to develop the region's experience and knowledge base for creating more livable communities, catalyzing further development in the region; and

Whereas, the City of Conway is committed to being a partner in fostering expanded job opportunities, workforce development training, entrepreneurship, and a strong tax base; and

Whereas, the City of Conway understands that the project may need Council Action on items such as, but not limited to, revisions to or adoption of ordinances, modifications to form-based code and design guidelines.

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

Section 1: That the City of Conway, Arkansas does hereby express its support for the Markham Street Project facilitated through the Jump Start Grant, and will fully support the allocation of match funds should the grant be awarded. In addition, the City of Conway will consider the recommendations brought forth in the design process as is financially feasible and publicly supported. The Director of Community Development and/or the Mayor are hereby given the authority to sign agreements and contracts regarding the project.

PASSED this 16th day of September, 2013

Approved:

Attest:

Mayor Tab Townsell

**Michael O. Garrett
City Clerk/Treasurer**



**City of Conway, Arkansas
Ordinance No. O-13-_____**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1110 SPENCER STREET;
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Whereas, it is the intention of the City Council of the City of Conway to enter into a purchase contract with the Rosa M. West Trust for the acquisition of 1.44 Acres of Real Property only, located at 1110 Spencer Street, currently occupied by Conway Scrap Metal; and

Whereas, the acquisition is to be Voluntary, and will be for the amount of \$315,000, to be paid in a minimum of three (3) equal installments, one in 2013 and two in 2014 as outlined in said contract. The 3rd installment is to be made no later than June 30th, 2014, but not before City approves that all contract contingencies have been met and title has been closed; and

Whereas, the City has made all appropriate inquiries into the previous ownership and uses of the facility in accordance with generally accepted good commercial and customary standards and practices in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq., including but not limited to Phase I and Phase II EPA Environmental Assessments and Environmental Reviews as required by US Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

Whereas, the City will make all appropriate inquiries prior to closing title in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq., including but not limited to a Phase 1 Environmental Assessment within 180 days of taking title.

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

Section 1: The Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Conway are hereby authorized to execute the purchase of said property.

Section 2: The City of Conway shall appropriate the first payment of \$105,000 from the General Fund – Fund Balance Appropriation Account (001.119.4900) to the CIP – Land Improvements account (001.119.5902). The remainder of the balance for the purchase of said property will be included in the FY2014 budget.

Section 3: This ordinance is necessary for the protection of the public peace, health and safety, and an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Section 4: All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Passed this 16th day of September, 2013.

Approved:

Attest:

Mayor Tab Townsell

**Michael O. Garrett
City Clerk/Treasurer**