
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:00 pm
March 22, 2022

On this date the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas met in regular session. The following members were present and acting: Councilman Hawkins, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Smith, and Councilwoman Isby. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder, City Clerk Michael Garrett. Councilman Grimes was not present.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Michael O. Garrett, City Clerk

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Councilwoman Isby motioned to approve the **March 8th, 2022** meeting minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

Report of Standing Committees:

A. Public Hearing

- 1. Public Hearing/Ordinance to approve the closing of a portion of the street immediately west of 3870 Friendship Road.**

O-22-31

Mayor Castleberry opened the public hearing and the floor for anyone to speak for or against the matter. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Castleberry asked James Walden, Director of Planning and Development to present the matter to the Council. Mr. Walden stated that the portion of the street in question was handed over the City by the State and at that time was not vacated. He added that all of the affected parties have indicated concurrence with the closing. Mayor Castleberry declared the public hearing closed. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilwoman Smith, Councilwoman Isby, and Councilwoman Mehl. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

B. Community Development Committee (Airport, Community Development, Code Enforcement, Permits and Inspections, Transportation and Planning & Development)

- 1. Ordinance approving the location of a private club permit for Taj Mahal Indian Kitchen.**

O-22-32

Councilman Hawkins presented Item B1 to the Council. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilwoman Isby, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Jones, and Councilwoman Smith. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

- 2. Ordinance appropriating donation funds received from the Master Gardeners for the Tree Board.**

O-22-33

Councilman Hawkins presented Item B2 to the Council. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. Councilwoman Smith made

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a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilwoman Smith, Councilwoman Tucker, and Councilman Hawkins. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

3. Ordinance appropriating donation funds in the amount of \$5,000 received from Conway Corporation for the Tree Board.

O-22-34

Councilman Hawkins presented Item B3 to the Council. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Hawkins, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilwoman Smith, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Ledbetter, and Councilman Jones. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

4. Resolution submitting the 2022 RAISE grant application for the City of Conway

R-22-17

Councilman Hawkins presented Item B4 to the Council. Robbie Alberson addressed the Council asking them for approval to submit the application for the RAISE grant. He added that the deadline was April 14th. He said it was up to a \$25 million grant and with the Council's approval the Connect Conway Project would be submitted for the grant. Councilwoman Mehl, who has been involved in the project gave the Council a brief summary. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. A vote was called, and the Resolution passed 7-0.

C. Public Safety Committee (District Court, Department of Information Systems & Technology, Animal Welfare, Communication Emergency Operations Center, Police, Fire, & Office of the City Attorney)

1. Ordinance appropriating funds to purchase a new fence for the CPD/CFD training site.

O-22-35

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C1 to the Council. Chief Tapley of the Conway Police Department addressed the Council stating that the CPD-CFD has the need to build a fence around part of the training center used by both departments. He said it would be a six foot chain link fence with 3 strands of barbed wire around the top. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the emergency clause and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Ledbetter, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilman Hawkins, Councilwoman Isby, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilwoman Smith, and Councilman Jones. The Ordinance with the emergency clause passed 7-0.

City Attorney, Charles Finkenbinder gave the Council an update of the College and Farris Roundabout project, stating that all four properties have been acquired and have closed within 90 days.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 22nd day of March 2022

APPROVED:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett