
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday 6:30 pm
April 11, 2017

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: Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Pruitt, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Isby and Alderman Ledbetter. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Clerk Michael Garrett and City Attorney Chuck Clawson.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Michael O. Garrett

Minutes: March 28, 2017

Alderwoman Smith motioned to approve the **March 28, 2017** minutes as submitted. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

1. Report of Standing Committees:

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

- 1. Resolution setting a public hearing to discuss closing a portion of the public right of way located on Oliver Street between Scott Street and Grove Street**

R-17-16

Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution to set the public hearing. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

- 2. Consideration to approve nominations to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board, Conway Tree Board, Robinson Cemetery Board, & Conway Corporation Board of Directors**

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A2 to the Council, naming the nominees for the Boards and Commissions:

Bicycle Advisory Board: Peter Mehl and Tom Courtway

Conway Tree Board: Tony Togni, Bonnie Stidham, Jenny Jackson and Lesley Waterson

Robinson Cemetery Board: Ernestine Acklin and Donna Boxley

Conway Corporation Board of Directors: Tom Courtway

Alderman Hawkins made a motion to approve the nominations and Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion for approval passed 7-0.

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

3. Ordinance appropriating funds and entering into an agreement with Vector Disease Control for a mosquito abatement program for the City

O-17-40

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A3 to the Council. Alderwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the ordinance with the emergency clause and Alderwoman Isby seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Isby, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, and Alderman Pruitt. The ordinance was passed 7-0.

B. Public Safety Committee (Police, AWU, CEOC, Fire, District Court, Information Technology, & City Attorney)

1. Ordinance appropriating funds for an emergency repair to the generator for the Conway Emergency Management Center

O-17-41

Mayor Castleberry presented item B1 to the Council. Chief Jody Spradlin was present to address the Council. He stated that during their annual inspection at the Center, it was discovered that the generator was in need of repair to prevent damage to the electronic systems in the building. The cost to repair the generator exceeds the amount of funds available in the building maintenance budget. Alderwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the ordinance with the emergency clause. Alderwoman Isby seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Isby, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderman Grimes.

2. Ordinance appropriating funds for Civil Service Commission expenses related to the entry level police office and firefighter promotional testing

O-17-42

Mayor Castleberry present item B2 to the Council. Lisa Mabry-Williams, Director of Human Resources, was present to address the Council. She stated that the costs for the testing included the tests, Fed-Ex shipping of the materials and advertising. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings. Alderwoman Isby seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Alderwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the ordinance and Alderwoman Smith seconded it. There was no further discussion. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderman Hawkins and Alderwoman Isby. The motion to adopt the ordinance passed 7-0.

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

C. Finance

1. Resolution requiring an audit of the accounting records for the FY2016 for the City

R-17-17

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C1 to the Council. Tyler Winningham, Chief Financial Officer was present to address the Council and answer questions. He stated that this resolution is the formal declaration of Council's intent to use a private audit firm instead of the State. Alderwoman Smith asked Mr. Winningham about the cost of the audit. He stated that the cost had been \$85,000 to \$90,000 in past years, and that the firm, BKD is scheduled to be on-site Monday, April 17. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to accept the resolution. Alderwoman Isby seconded the motion. The motion to accept the resolution passed 7-0.

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment

PASSED this 11th day of April 2017

APPROVED:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett