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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

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Conway, Arkansas  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm  
August 8, 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 Grimes, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Jones, Alderman Pruitt and Alderman Ledbetter. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Attorney Chuck Clawson and Denise Hurd. Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Isby and City Clerk Michael Garrett were not present.

**Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry**

**Roll Call: Denise Hurd**

**Minutes: July 25, 2017**

Alderwoman Smith motioned to approve the **July 25, 2017** minutes and the **July 31, 2017** Special City Council Meeting minutes as submitted. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 6-0.

**1. Report of Standing Committees:**

**A. Economic Development Committee (Airport, Conway Corporation, Conway Development Corporation, Conway Downtown Partnership & the Conway Area Chamber of Commerce)**

**1. Consideration to extend the lease agreement for Snap-On Equipment.**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item A1 to the Council, explaining that the City has had the lease agreement with Snap-On for some time, and that it was last extended in September of 2012. Snap-On is asking for a ten-year lease agreement as opposed to the five-year as in the past. The proposed lease agreement would run until September 2027. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the lease agreement and Alderwoman Mehl seconded. The motion for approval passed 6-0.

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

**1. Resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Conway to utilize federal aid surface transportation program funds for an upgrade signal project along Oak Street.**

**R-17-39**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B1 to the Council. Finley Vinson of the Street and Engineering Department and Candy Jones, Grant Administrator were present the address the Council. Ms. Jones presented an application to Metroplan for a grant of \$600,000, \$150,000 in matching funds that was submitted in April 2017. Mr. Vinson explained that this grant awards the City with an adaptive signal system similar to the system being implemented on Dave Ward Drive. The Resolution agreeing to the 20% match by the City will allow the grant to move forward and the system to be implemented. Mr. Vinson added that the matching funds paid by the City will not be required until next year. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution and Alderman Grimes seconded the motion. The Resolution passed 6-0.

**2. Consideration to purchase right of way to complete the improvements to Bruce Street east of Harkrider Street for the Street & Engineering Department.**

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Mayor Castleberry presented Item B2 to the Council. Finley Vinson of the Street and Engineering Department addressed the Council stating that the indicated portion on the map available to the Council shows the proposed right of way area, which is necessary to improve the radius for truck turning movement and other improvements which are necessary due the fact that the original survey over 40 years ago was slightly inaccurate. He stated that the owner of the property has agreed to the purchase price of \$26,752 as appraised. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of the right of way and Alderman Jones seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion to approve the purchase passed 6-0.

### **C. Public Service Committee (Sanitation, Parks & Recreation & Physical Plant)**

- 1. Ordinance to approve the Public Art Board music art installation, entering into an MOU for property on Markham Street and appropriate funds.**

#### **O-17-85**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C1 to the Council. Beth Wilson Norwood was in attendance to represent the Public Art Board. She stated that Steven Parker was selected as artist for this project due to his extensive portfolio of public artwork of this type, and the fact that his project design incorporated all the aspects desired by the Public Art Board for this installment. The installment is to be ADA accessible and completely interactive by people of all ages and abilities by creating musical tones when wheels are turned on the piece. The installment is to be temporarily located on property leased to the Board by Spencer Hawks and as such will be designed with future re-location in mind. Alderwoman Mehl expressed concern that the installment is to be placed on private property and that the City will have to pay to move it at a later date. There was some discussion among the Council as to whether the Parks & Recreation Department should be consulted since a future move would require placing the artwork on City property managed by the Parks & Rec Department. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to hold the item in committee until those discussions could be had. Alderman Pruitt asked how difficult moving the artwork was going to be when the time came. Ms. Norwood stated that the piece would be designed with mobility in mind. Mayor Castleberry clarified that the Public Art Board is funded by a voluntary tax and also by \$30,000 annually by the A&P Commission. No monies come from the Annual Fund for Public Art Projects. The Council discussed that due to the fact that the project would take one year to complete, it would give the City enough time to decide where the art installment could be permanently located. Alderman Grimes made a motion to approve the funding for the art installation with the location to be determined later, thereby modifying Section 2 of the Ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderman Jones seconded it. The motion was approved 6-0. There was no further discussion. Ms. Hurd called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Ledbetter, Alderman Grimes, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Jones, and Alderwoman Mehl. The Ordinance with section 2 modified was passed 6-0.

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

- 1. Consideration to approve the bid of an Endeavor Robotic System for CPD SWAT Team.**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item D1 to the Council. Chief Jody Spradlin addressed the Council stating that for the last three years the Department has received a Federal Homeland Security Grant

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for the SWAT Team, and that the items to be purchased must be submitted prior to receiving the Grant. There was only one bid received for the Endeavor Robotic System, and the Department is asking City Council to approve the bid for \$19,802. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve and Alderman Jones seconded. The consideration was approved 6-0.

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

**Adjournment**

*PASSED this 8th day of August 2017*

**APPROVED:**

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*Mayor Bart Castleberry*

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*City Clerk Michael O. Garrett*