

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm  
August 11, 2020

On this date the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas met in regular session. ***Due to restrictions imposed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council meeting was held via Facebook Live on the City of Conway, Arkansas Facebook page, and the City of Conway YouTube channel.*** The following members being a quorum were present online and acting: Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Pruitt and Councilman 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, City Clerk**

**Minutes: July 28, 2020**

Councilwoman Isby motioned to approve the **July 28, 2020** minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

**Report of Standing Committees:**

**A. Community Development Committee (Airport, Community Development, Planning & Development, Permits & Inspection & Code Enforcement, Historic District, Transportation).**

**1. Resolution requesting the Faulkner County Tax Collector place a lien against Property located at 602 Fifth Street for expenses incurred by the City.**

**R-20-62**

Councilman Hawkins presented the Resolution to place a lien on property located at 602 Fifth Street in the amount of \$184.28. There was no one present to represent the property. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The Resolution passed 8-0.

**2. Resolution requesting the Faulkner County Tax Collector place a lien against Property located at 2215 Cedar Oaks for expenses incurred by the City.**

**R-20-63**

Councilman Hawkins presented the Resolution to place a lien on property located at 2215 Cedar Oaks in the amount of \$783.75. There was no one present to represent the property. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The Resolution passed 8-0.

**3. Consideration to enter into a maintenance agreement for the detention pond location in Matthews Meadow.**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A3 to the Council. Chuck Clawson, City Attorney addressed the Council stating that the developers of Matthews Meadows was able to relocate a detention pond offsite onto a State easement that allowed them to put two additional lots in that development. He explained that since the detention pond is not on the property of the developer, who could be held accountable to maintain it, there needs to be a developer agreement for the maintenance of the detention pond. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to approve the consideration to enter into the agreement and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion to approve the maintenance agreement passed 8-0.

**4. Resolution approving a lease agreement with the United States Postal Service for the Downtown Conway Unit.**

**R-20-64**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A4 to the Council. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilman Ledbetter seconded it. Councilman Hawkins asked Mayor Castleberry if the lease agreement was in the same amount as was previously established and the Mayor answered that it

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was. Chuck Clawson added that the rent and major terms of the agreement will remain unaffected for a five-year term. There was no further discussion. The motion to adopt the Resolution passed 8-0.

**5. Ordinance appropriating funds for the remodel of 1111 Main Street (City Hall).**

**O-20-43**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A5 to the Council. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilman Jones seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. Councilman Jones made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the emergency clause and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. Jamie Brice addressed the Council calling their attention to the list of changes that were made, stating that money was saved where possible. Councilman Hawkins asked if this was the last of the funds required for the remodel and Ms. Brice stated that it was. There was no further discussion. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Pruitt and Councilwoman Isby. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

**B. New Business**

**1. Resolution to oppose the reallocation of County road tax revenue.**

**R-20-65**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B1 to the Council, stating that funding for the Sheriff's office has been a problem for quite some time, adding that Sheriff Ryalls has done well with what funds they have, and that he agrees that the Sheriff's office is in need of additional funding but that he felt it should not come to the detriment of our roads. He said that voters should not have to choose between roads and law enforcement. He said he felt that other possibilities need to be explored and that every mayor in the county has agreed. He said that any reallocation of county road revenue could dramatically impact our ability as a City to attract matching funds from state and federal sources and could limit future economic development within the City. He added that while he agrees that the County Sheriff's office and Faulkner County law enforcement needs additional funds, he does not support taking it from the road fund which is so vital for our cities. Councilman Ledbetter stated that he would be abstaining from the vote due to the fact that he is an employee of the Faulkner County Road Department. *Mayor Castleberry read the Resolution before the Council.* Councilman Hawkins asked the Mayor to read the letter to the Quorum Court from the Mayors and communities in Faulkner County regarding the opposition. *Mayor Castleberry read the letter and the signatures on it.* Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilman Hawkins seconded it. The Resolution passed 7-0 with Councilman Ledbetter abstaining.

Councilman Pruitt reminded Mayor Castleberry of a discussion regarding hiring someone part time for a Cycling Director position, stating that monies cannot be allocated to the City without one being in place. Mayor Castleberry in turn reminded the Council that this had been discussed and that there is funding available that the City is not able to take advantage of for our bicycle trails, without this designated position. He asked that the Council consider this move and that Mr. Pruitt get with him to talk about next steps in the matter.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Adjournment-----**

*PASSED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020*

**APPROVED:**

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*Mayor Bart Castleberry*

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*City Clerk Michael O. Garrett*