
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:30 pm
October 09, 2018

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, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Isby, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Smith. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Clerk Michael Garrett and Deputy City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Michael O. Garrett

Minutes: September 25, 2018

Alderwoman Isby motioned to approve the **September 25, 2018** minutes as submitted. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

City Hall Remodeling Project

Mayor Castleberry informed the Council that requests for proposals for architectural services for the new City Hall had been sent out and four Statements of Qualification had been received. Alderman Hawkins moved to suspend the rules and discuss the matter. Alderwoman Smith seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. Jamie Brice addressed the Council asking them to approve Rik Sowell Architects for the City Hall remodeling project. Alderwoman Smith moved to approve and Alderman Ledbetter seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

1. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing/Ordinance to discuss vacating a portion of a utility easement on Lot 2, The Grove at Conway.

O-18-96

Mayor Castleberry opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against the matter. No one came forward. The Mayor closed the public hearing and turned the matter back to the Council. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the ordinance vacating a portion of a utility easement on Lot 2, The Grove at Conway, and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Isby, Alderman Jones, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes and Alderwoman Mehl. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

B. Community Development Committee (Planning, Zoning, Permits, Community Development, Historic District, Streets, Engineering & Airport)

1. Resolution approving change order #1 for the Siebenmorgan Road Half Street Improvement Project Phase II for the Community Development Center.

R-18-38

Alderman Hawkins presented Item B1 to the Council. Kiera Oluokun, Community Development, addressed the Council explaining that extra costs had arisen due to an unexpected water line, but that funding for extra costs had been built in to the budget. She asked the Council to approve the appropriation of the funds for the project. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The Resolution passed 8-0.

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2. **Resolution to approve a real estate development/land transfer agreement between Summerwood Inc. & the City of Conway for the development of the Spruce Street Cottage Project.**

R-18-39

Alderman Hawkins presented Item B2 to the Council. Keira Oluokun told the Council that the City Attorney, Chuck Clawson had reviewed the original contract. The only change made to the contract was the developer Ron Harris with Summerwood, Inc. Alderwoman Smith moved to approve the agreement and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The Resolution passed 8-0.

3. **Ordinance approving the bid and appropriate funding for the Dave Ward Drive ASCT Detector installation for the Street & Engineering Department.**

O-18-97

Alderman Hawkins presented Item B3 to the Council. Alderwoman Isby moved to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Smith seconded it. There was no discussion. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the ordinance and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Isby, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Hawkins and Alderman Grimes. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

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

1. **Consideration to approve wastewater pipeline crossing agreement with Union Pacific Company.**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C1 to the Council. Adam Robinson with the Sanitation Department addressed the Council on behalf of Joe Hopper, Director. He explained the significance of the pipeline in regards to safety and efficiency. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the agreement and Alderwoman Isby seconded. The motion passed 8-0.

D. Public Safety Committee (Police, Fire, District Court, Animal Welfare Unit, Communication Emergency Operations Center, Information Technology & City Attorney.

1. **Ordinance to accept reimbursement from the Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Program grant and appropriating funds for travel associated with the District Court DWI Team.**

O-18-98

Mayor Castleberry presented Item D1 to the Council. Alderwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Smith seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. There was no discussion. Alderman Jones made a motion to adopt the ordinance with the emergency clause and Alderwoman Mehl seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Grimes, Alderwoman Isby, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Mehl and Alderwoman Smith. The Ordinance with the emergency clause passed 8-0.

2. **Ordinance appropriating insurance proceeds and ad val funds and waiving bid requirements for building repairs at the Animal Welfare Unit.**

O-18-99

Mayor Castleberry presented Item D2 to the Council. Shona Osborn addressed the Council, listing the damages that had occurred over the last few weeks, and repairs that had been made. Alderwoman Smith made motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. There was no further discussion. Alderwoman Smith moved to adopt the ordinance with the emergency clause and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Jones, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Isby, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Grimes, Alderwoman Smith and Alderwoman Mehl. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

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New Business

Mayor Castleberry read the titles of all the resolutions aloud, stating that the taxes are not new, they are a reiteration for 2019. Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt Resolutions **R-18-40** through **R-18-46**. Alderwoman Isby seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Resolutions were passed 8-0.

R-18-40

1. Resolution of a voluntary levy of two-tenths (.2) mill on the dollar be made upon the assessed valuation of all taxable real estate and personal property tax for an Animal Shelter for the City of Conway.

This Resolution was passed 8-0.

R-18-41

2. Resolution of a voluntary levy of four-tenths (.4) mill on the dollar be made upon the assessed valuation of all taxable real estate and personal property tax for a recreation assessment raising special revenue for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing additional funds for the purpose of construction, equipping, operating and maintaining the public recreation and playgrounds of City of Conway.

This Resolution was passed 8-0.

R-18-42

3. Resolution of a voluntary levy of four-tenths (.4) mill on the dollar be made upon the assessed valuation of all taxable real estate and personal property tax for raising special revenue the exclusive purpose of operating and maintaining the cemeteries for the City of Conway.

This Resolution was passed 8-0.

R-18-43

4. Resolution of a levy of four-tenths (.4) mill on the dollar be made upon the assessed valuation of all taxable real estate and personal property tax for raising special revenue for the Pension and Relief Fund for a Policeman's Pension and Relief Fund.

This Resolution was passed 8-0.

R-18-44

5. Resolution of a levy of Four-tenths (.4) mill on the dollar be made upon the assessed valuation of all taxable real estate and personal property tax for raising special revenue for the Pension and Relief Fund for a Fireman's Pension and Relief Fund.

This Resolution was passed 8-0.

R-18-45

6. Resolution of a levy of four-tenths (.4) mill on the dollar be made upon the assessed valuation of all taxable real estate and personal property tax for raising special revenue for the Pension and Relief Fund for paid Non-Uniformed employees.

This Resolution was passed 8-0.

R-18-46

7. Resolution of a levy of three (3.0) mill on the dollar be made upon the assessed valuation of all taxable real estate and personal property tax for raising General Fund Revenues.

This Resolution was passed 8-0.

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

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Adjournment-----

PASSED this 9th day of October, 2018

APPROVED:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett