
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:00 pm
October 11, 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 Mehl, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Jones, and Councilwoman Isby. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder, City Clerk Michael Garrett. Councilman Ledbetter was not present.

Call to Order: Mayor Castleberry

Roll Call: Michael O. Garrett, City Clerk

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Councilwoman Isby motioned to approve the **September 27, 2022** meeting minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

Report of Standing Committees:

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

1. Ordinance to approve the use of the public right-of-way and a franchise agreement for telecommunication services by Unite Private.

O-22-115

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A1 to the Council. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilman Jones seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. A representative of Unite addressed the Council stating that the company provides high speed internet and voice to businesses. He said that his company would be providing a link to businesses outside of the City that want to be connected to businesses inside the City. City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder added that this is a limited franchise for the purpose of running wire from one point to another as indicated on a map that he provided to the Councilmembers. He said that if any additional uses were needed in the future, Unite would have to request amendments to the franchise ordinance. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilman Jones seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Tucker, Councilman Hawkins, Councilwoman Isby, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Smith, and Councilman Jones. The Ordinance passed 7-0

2. Resolution to approve the capital improvement plan and the Runway 4-22 rehabilitation project for the Conway Airport.

R-22-47

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A2 to the Council. Jake Briley of the Airport told the Council that this plan accounts for funding to be granted by Federal funds/Arkansas Division of Aeronautics funds. He said the project is to rehab the joints and redo the markings on the runway built in 2014. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilman Jones seconded it. A vote was called, and the Resolution passed 7-0.

3. Ordinance to approve amending the Conway Historic District Commission Standards.

O-22-116

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A3 to the Council. James Walden told the Council that the Planning Department in consultation with the Mayor's office, has issued an RFQ for an Historic District Commission Architect that would be retained on a contract basis to provide consultation on applications that are contentious or difficult. He added that as a result there is a change to the Ordinance that would apply term limits to the position on the Commission of the architect consultant,

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where there are no term limits now. Councilwoman Smith asked about the necessity of engaging a contracted architect consultant. Mayor Castleberry said that they were looking at all of the boards and commissions and ways to streamline and make the processes more efficient. After some discussion among the Council, Councilman Hawkins made a motion to table the item and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. A vote was called, and the item was tabled.

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

1. Consideration to approve a deed correction for property located at 2325 Tyler Street.

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B1 to the Council. He told the Council that the property was deeded to the City some time back for a park which has become known as "Gatlin" Park. This deed correction would formally show the name to be "Gatling" Park going forward. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to approve the consideration for correction and Councilman Jones seconded it. A vote was called and the consideration was approved 7-0.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 11th day of October, 2022

APPROVED:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett