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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

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Conway, Arkansas  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm  
October 12, 2021

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: Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Jones, and Councilwoman Isby. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder, Denise Hurd, Office of the City Clerk.

**Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry**

**Roll Call: Denise Hurd**

**Minutes: September 28, 2021**

Councilwoman Isby motioned to approve the **September 28, 2021** minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 6-0. *Councilwoman Smith was not present at time of voting.*

**Report of Standing Committees:**

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

**1. Consideration to approve the Impact Fee Credit Agreement for Blake Lane to Rivendale Cove.**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A1 to the Council and made the first reading of the Agreement.

**2. Ordinance rescinding O-21-27 that rezoned property located north of Gentry Lake, northwest of Lakefront Drive and West End Street from R-1 to PUD.**

**O-21-107**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A2 to the Council. James Walden explained that the applicant has moved out of state and has not found a purchaser for the property, so they have asked to rescind the previous rezoning to PUD. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. A vote was called with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Jones, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilwoman Smith, and Councilman Hawkins. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

**3. Ordinance amending the sign ordinance concerning automobile service stations for Planning & Development.**

**O-21-108**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A3 to the Council. James Walden said that this matter was reviewed by City Council last June and there was concern at that time about how this issue fit into the broader aspects of the sign ordinance. It was decided that the entire sign ordinance should be reviewed. The Planning Department then worked with a consultant to re-write the sign ordinance. It was decided that the changes to be made would refer to the LED price signs for automobile service stations as a form of illumination and not as a form of digital video signs. He added that instead of being termed "LED signs" in the ordinance, they would be "static monochromatic direct illumination that doesn't change its lighting arrangement more than once per hour and displays only numeric characters such as fuel prices." Councilwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the emergency clause and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. A vote was called with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Jones, Councilman Hawkins, Councilwoman Smith, and Councilwoman Mehl. The Ordinance with the emergency clause passed 7-0.

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The Council withdrew to meet in executive session to discuss the vacancy in Ward 2. The Council voted to appoint an individual to the position, however no one was selected. Mayor Castleberry said that there would be a committee meeting prior to the next Council meeting, so that those interested in filling the position can submit a questionnaire available from the mayor's office.

**Adjournment-----**

*PASSED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021*

**APPROVED:**

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*Mayor Bart Castleberry*

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*City Clerk Michael O. Garrett*