

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

Conway, Arkansas  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm  
October 13, 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 and Councilman Ledbetter. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Attorney Chuck Clawson, and Denise Hurd, Office of the City Clerk. City Clerk Michael Garrett and Councilman Pruitt were not in attendance.

**Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry**

**Roll Call: Denise Hurd**

**Minutes: September 22, 2020**

Councilwoman Isby motioned to approve the **September 22, 2020** 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, Planning & Development, Permits & Inspection & Code Enforcement, Historic District, Transportation).**

**1. Ordinance to approve the private club permit for Texas Roadhouse of Conway to be located at 650 S. Amity Rd.**

**O-20-58**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A1 to the Council. Due to technical difficulties, representatives from Texas Roadhouse were unable to join the meeting. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The roll 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.

**2. Ordinance accepting the annexation of certain lands 2 tracts totaling +/- 29.0 acres located east of East German Lane.**

**O-20-59**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A2 to the Council. There was no discussion. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. Councilman Hawkins said that he had received no feedback from the Planning Commission on the matter, but that Judge Baker has signed off on it, releasing the property from the County. Councilwoman Mehl clarified that the property was coming into the City as A-1 zoning. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilman Ledbetter seconded it. The roll was called with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Jones, Councilman Hawkins, Councilwoman Smith and Councilwoman Mehl. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

**3. Ordinance to waive the competitive bid process to purchase equipment for the Conway Transportation Department.**

**O-20-60**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A3 to the Council. Finley Vinson, Transportation Department, addressed the Council stating that the Department has had two dump trucks become inoperable as they are both over 20 years old and unrepairable. He added that they have received three quotes for a replacement and asked the Council to approve the lowest quote from Shipley Motor and Equipment for a cooperative purchase agreement price of \$154,213. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. There was no further discussion.

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Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the emergency clause and Councilman Ledbetter seconded it. The roll was called with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Jones and Councilwoman Isby. The Ordinance with the emergency clause passed 7-0.

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

**1. Resolution accepting the delivery of the Toad Suck Ferry for the Parks & Recreation Department.**

**R-20-73**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B1 to the Council. Jack Bell addressed the Council explaining that this Resolution will provide the cranes to move the ferry from the trucks. He added that by the Highway and Transportation Department bringing the ferry to us, it would save the City about \$80,000. He said that funds may be necessary in the future if the ferry is to be restored to his historical condition. Mayor Castleberry commended Jim Baker and Mark Ledbetter for their effort in preparing the path for the delivery, and Jack Bell for his effort in bringing the ferry back to Conway. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilman Ledbetter seconded it. The Resolution passed 7-0.

**2. Consideration to remove and dispose of assets from inventory from the Department of Sanitation.**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B2 to the Council. Joe Hopper from the Sanitation Department addressed the Council stating that the department had one item to dispose of which is a 2011 Mack Front Load Garbage Truck. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to approve the consideration and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 7-0.

**3. Consideration to enter into an agreement with Renewal Ranch with the Department of Sanitation.**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B3 to the Council. Joe Hopper told the Council that since the Mayor began an initiative to reduce litter on our streets in 2019, part of the program was an agreement with Renewal Ranch for litter pick up. Since that time they have collected over 7,000 pounds of litter from the streets, and overall the program has collected over 50,000 pounds of litter. He asked the Council to extend the contract with Renewal Ranch, adding an option to auto-renew the agreement up to three additional terms. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to enter into the agreement and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 7-0.

**4. Ordinance waiving the requirement to obtain competitive bids for equipment repairs for the Department of Sanitation.**

**O-20-61**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B4 to the Council. Joe Hopper addressed the Council regarding an accident involving a trash dozer which caused damage to the equipment and asked them to approve the \$41,436.18 to make the repairs with remanufactured parts. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the emergency clause and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The roll was called with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Jones and Councilwoman Isby. The Ordinance with the emergency clause passed 7-0.

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

**Adjournment-----**

*PASSED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020*

**APPROVED:**

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*Mayor Bart Castleberry*

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*City Clerk Michael O. Garrett*