
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:30 pm
November 27, 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, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Ledbetter and Alderwoman Smith and Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Isby. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, and City Clerk Michael Garrett and City Attorney Chuck Clawson. Alderman Grimes was absent.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Michael O. Garrett

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Alderwoman Smith motioned to approve the **November 13, 2018** minutes as submitted. Alderwoman Isby seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of the monthly financial report ending October 31, 2018

Tyler Winningham, CFO, addressed the Council reporting that sales tax was up 2.5% for the month, and holding at 4.25% year to date. He pointed out that all departments are below budget in expenditures. He noted that the purchase of the Federal Building as the New City Hall was recorded this month in the Administrative Department Account. Alderwoman Smith moved to approve the monthly financial report ending October 31, 2018, and Alderwoman Isby seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed 7-0.

1. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Public Hearing

1. Discussion of the issuance of hospital revenue improvement bonds for Conway Regional Medical Center.

Mayor Castleberry opened the public hearing. Matt Troup was present to address any questions or concern from the Council or the public. No one raised any questions or concerns. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

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

1. Resolution approving the issuance of hospital revenue improvement bonds for Conway Regional Medical Center.

R-18-50

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A1 to the Council. He asked Mr. Troup to state the figures associated with the revenue improvement bonds. Mr. Troup stated that the funding provided by the bonds, would provide a new critical unit and room to expand in the future. A medical office building would also be provided, with both projects requiring approximately half of the 40 million dollar bond issuance. He said that the other funds would be used to expand clinics and a series of smaller projects that are also part of the bond issuance. There was no further discussion. Alderwoman Mehl moved to approve the Resolution and Alderman Jones seconded it. The Resolution passed 7-0.

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- 2. Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. O-15-88 clarifying the location of the Spruce Street Cottage Courtyard Project.**

O-18-107

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A2 to the Council. Mayor Castleberry clarified that this is a correction ordinance for CDBG. Alderwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Smith seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. Alderman Jones made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the emergency clause and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. There was no further discussion. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Jones, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderman Pruitt, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Isby, Alderman Hawkins, and Alderwoman Mehl. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

- 3. Consideration to approve a conditional use permit from Covington to allow religious activities in I-3 (Intensive Industrial) zoning district for property located at 655 Dave Ward Drive, Suite 104.**

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A3 to the Council stating that the matter was reviewed by the Planning Commission at their meeting of November 19th where it was voted 6-1 to forward to the city Council with a recommendation for approval. Bryan Patrick, Director of Planning and Development addressed the Council clarifying the location of the unit and assuring that there was no issue with traffic or parking. There was no further discussion. Alderwoman Mehl made a motion to approve the permit and Alderwoman Smith seconded it. The motion to approve the conditional use permit passed 7-0.

- 4. Ordinance to rezone properties located on Robinson, Western, Louvenia and Donaghey Avenues from R-2A and O-2 to S-1.**

O-18-108

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A4 to the Council stating that the matter was reviewed by the Planning Commission at their meeting of November 19th where it was voted 6-1 to forward to the city Council with a recommendation for approval. Alderwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Smith seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Isby, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Pruitt, Alderwoman Smith and Alderman Jones. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

- 5. Ordinance to rezone property located at 1235 East German Lane from R-1 and O-2 to MF-1.**

O-18-109

Alderman Hawkins presented item A5 to the Council stating that the matter was reviewed by the Planning Commission at their meeting of November 19th where it was voted 6-1 to forward to the city Council with a recommendation for approval. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. There was no further discussion. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Alderman Ledbetter seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Ledbetter, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith and Alderwoman Isby. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

- 6. Ordinance to rezone property located at 1295 East German Lane from R-1 and O-2 to MF-1.**

O-18-110

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A5 to the Council stating that the matter was reviewed by the Planning Commission at their meeting of November 19th where it was voted 7-0 to forward to the city Council with a recommendation for approval. Alderwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Smith seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. There was no further discussion. Alderwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Alderwoman Smith seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Mehl,

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Alderwoman Isby, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderman Pruitt, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Hawkins and Alderman Jones. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

7. Ordinance to amend the Conway Subdivision ordinance to comply with the new street design standards for the City of Conway.

O-18-111

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A5 to the Council. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. Bryan Patrick of the Planning Department clarified that this is a housekeeping ordinance to update and add missing items in the street designs standards. There was no further 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 Jones, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Isby, Alderman Hawkins, and Alderwoman Mehl. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

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

1. Ordinance to waive the competitive bid process for the purchase of a used hydraulic excavator for the Department of Sanitation.

O-18-112

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B1 to the Council. Joe Hopper, Director of the Sanitation Department addressed the Council stating that a used excavator was located at a savings of \$70,000. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. There was no further discussion. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the emergency clause and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Isby, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Pruitt, Alderwoman Smith and Alderman Jones. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

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

1. Ordinance appropriating funds received from the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management for an Operation Shop Secure for the Conway Police Department SWAT Team.

O-18-113

Mayor Castleberry presented Item D1 to the Council. Police Chief Spradlin was present to address the Council stating that the grant funds have been received and the department requests appropriation in order to put in place the Operation Shop Secure. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. There was no further 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, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith and Alderwoman Isby. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

2. Consideration to accept the bid for the purchase of night vision goggles for the Conway Police Department SAWT Team.

Mayor Castleberry presented Item D2 to the Council. Chief Spradlin addressed the Council asking for approval of the lowest bidder, Clyde Armory, to provide the night vision goggles at a cost of \$76,747.36. Alderwoman Smith moved to approve the consideration and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion to approve passed 7-0.

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E. Finance

1. Ordinance appropriating funds for the Employee Appreciation bonuses.

O-18-114

Mayor Castleberry presented item E1 to the Council. Tyler Winningham addressed the Council explaining that the proposed bonus amounts would remain the same as the previous year at \$350 for full time employees and \$150 for part time employees. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. There was no further 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": Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Isby, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderman Pruitt, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Hawkins and Alderman Jones.

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 27th day of November, 2018

APPROVED:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett