On this date the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas met in special session. The following members being a quorum were present and acting; Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Brewer, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Bell, and Alderwoman Whitmore. Alderman Weeks was not in attendance. Also, present and acting: Mayor Tab Townsell, City Attorney Michael Murphy and City Clerk Michael Garrett.

1. Invocation, Pledge, Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Hearing:

A. Public hearing to discuss adopting amendments to the proposed Conway Sign Ordinance (Revision 10).

3:06 - Interstate Signage - Sign Permit Required: Alderman Bell motioned to have the zone within 1,000 feet of the centerline of I-40 through and around the new Hwy 64 W interchange and through and around Dave Ward Dr interchange. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Alderman Bell motioned to have the size of an on premise sign be 300 sq. ft. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. It was agreed upon to leave the height of an on premise sign as is and to strike the monument sign in the interstate corridor area. It was agreed to allow static only LED fuel price signs in the interstate corridor area. Section 4 – Nonconforming Signs: Damaged Signs - The committee’s consensus was if a sign is damaged by 50% or more the owner must obtain 3 estimates, two (2) performed by sign companies and one (1) by an insurance adjuster, to determine the amount of damage. If the sign is damaged by 50% or more, the sign would lose its non-conforming status and would have to be replaced with a conforming sign. After further discussion, the Council decided to allow the 3 estimates be done by sign companies and to figure the damage as an average of the 3 estimates. Section 4.01 - 2A stays in place. Section 4.01 – 2B Abandoned Signs: Leave wording as is and create a definition for disrepair. If a business has a sign that is in very bad shape a new section will be created for this issue. It was decided to move 4.01 2/B to Section 4:03. In 4:03 Change 60 days to 90 days, remove the 30 days and add abandoned Section 4.02 – Loss of Legal Nonconforming Status: 4.02 1/A - It was decided that this item should say “If a sign face is damaged or destroyed or is to be replaced, the face may be replaced without loss of non-conforming status. The sign structure may be placed on the ground for purposes of replacement only and should be immediately re-installed.” 4.02 B - Language stating “outside the interstate corridor” should be added in this area. 5.01 C – “More than 50%” should be added in this area. 4.02.6 A,B, & C will be removed completely. Section 6 – Administration
and Enforcement 6.03 Permit Fees - The cost was lowered from $100.00 to $35.00. Banners - one per business location with a renewable one year permit being on a calendar year to be purchased by the end of each January; the fee will not be pro-rated and no banner will be grandfathered in. Section 6.06 - Variances for Signs: Variances will be allowed except for size; not to include height. This will be taken before the Planning Director, and if denied it can be brought before the council. The variance request will cost $200.00. Section 6.11 – Sign Board of Review: This section will be removed.

Adjournment

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED this 29th day of August 2006

APPROVED:

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Mayor Tab Townsell

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City Clerk Michael O. Garrett