
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Monday 6:30 p.m.
January 8, 2007

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, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Vaught, Alderman Grimes, Alderwoman Whitmore and Alderman Bell. Also, present and acting: Mayor Tab Townsell, City Attorney Michael Murphy and City Clerk Michael Garrett.

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Roll Call*
3. *Minutes: December 28th, 2006*

Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to approve the Dec. 28, 2006 minutes. Alderman Grimes seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

4. *Recognition of Guests: Officer & Firefighter of the Year*
 - Investigator William Tapley, Drug Task Force, was recognized as 2006 Officer of the Year
 - Driver Larry Sanders was recognized as 2006 Firefighter of the Year
 - Chief Randall Aragon was recognized for his 6 years serving Conway as the Chief of Police
 - Mayor Townsell announced that Major Mark Elsinger will serve as interim Chief of Police

Mayor Townsell announced the search committee for new Chief of Police will consist of the following individuals.

- Alderwoman Sheila Whitmore
- Alderman Mary Smith
- Civil Service Commissioner Cornell Maltbia
- Civil Service Commissioner Jerry Glover
- UCA Chief of Police Larry James
- Community Oriented Policing Council Tom Poe
- Community Oriented Policing Council Judy Cochran
- Former City Alderman Sandy Brewer

5. *Public Hearings: None*

6. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Community Development Committee (Planning, Zoning, Permits, Community Development, Historic District, Streets, & Conway Housing Authority)

1. Consideration to correct nominations on the Board of Zoning Adjustment due to error.

Mayor Townsell stated Chris Thompson was his nominee for the Board of Zoning Adjustment and this change needs to be approved. Alderman Bell motioned to approve the change. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

2. Ordinance waiving bids for a truck for the Permits Department.

O-07-01

Mayor Townsell stated a lower bid was found at a local dealer which came in below the state contract and recommended to waive bidding and accept the low quote. Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderman Bell. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

3. Ordinance appropriating funds for the Public Art Project.

O-07-02

Mayor Townsell stated that UCA is observing its centennial this next year and one of the projects is public art and they have requested to paint a mural on the south wall of city hall and are requesting that the city pay \$6,000 for the materials to complete the project. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderman Hawkins motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderman Bell. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

4. Resolution approving the creation of a mural for City hall on the south side of the building.

R-07-01

Mayor Townsell stated he would like to stipulate that the mural be generic or inclusive. Alderwoman Smith asked who decides what art is put in Simon Park. Mayor Townsell stated it is the Art Walk Committee. Alderman Bell motioned to adopt the resolution and amend it to read “generic and or inclusive” and that the artwork must be signed off on by the city council. Alderman Hawkins seconded the motion. Alderman Vaught asked if the mural could be put elsewhere because it would not be seen well behind the tree and pavilion. Mayor Townsell stated there are not a lot of other publicly owned buildings where it could be placed. Mayor Townsell stated we could make sure the artwork is signed off on and suggested this be added to the resolution language. Several council members agreed with Mayor Townsell. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

B. Public Safety Committee (Police, CEOC, Fire, Dist. Court & City Att., & Animal Control)

- 1. Ordinance appropriating grant funds for the Conway Police Department to buy camera equipment.**

O-07-03

Mayor Townsell stated the Police Dept. has been awarded \$1,000 from Wal-Mart Foundation for Investigation Services to be used to purchase camera equipment. The funds will be accepted and appropriated to the Police Dept. Capital Audio/Visual account 01.113.945. Alderman Grimes motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting “Aye”: Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderman Bell. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

- 2. Ordinance appropriating funds for dive team equipment for the Conway Fire Department.**

O-07-04

Mayor Townsell stated the Fire Dept. received \$800 from various local retailers to purchase dive team safety equipment. The funds shall be appropriated from the Fund Balance Appropriation Account (01.909) to the Conway Fire Dept. 2006 Training & Education Line Item Account (01.115.335). Alderman Vaught motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderman Bell seconded the motion. Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the

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motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderman Bell. The motion passed 8-0. Alderman Bell motioned to adopt the emergency clause. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

7. *New Business*

A. Consideration of renewing the wireless agreement with Cingular Wireless.

Mayor Townsell recommends staying with Cingular because of the coverage area and recommends going with the 300 minute plan. Alderwoman Smith motioned to renew the contract with Cingular. Alderman Hawkins seconded the motion. Alderwoman Whitmore stated that all the times begin at 9 p.m. and would like to know if this is correct. Nick Plastiras, Cingular, stated on a business pool plan the nights and weekends begin at 9 p.m. local standard time. Nights begin at 9 p.m. local standard time Monday through Thursday; weekends begin Friday at 9 p.m. local standard time until Monday morning at 7 a.m. Mobile to mobile is to any Cingular customer, A T & T Wireless customer in America and Puerto Rico. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

Mayor Townsell stated he would like to have a special committee meeting at some time different than a council date to discuss the branding issues that the Chamber of Commerce and the A & P have gotten into this past year. Wednesday January 24, 2006 at 6:30 was recommended and Mayor Townsell will check his calendar and get with the council members.

Adjournment

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED this 8th day of January 2007

APPROVED:

Mayor Tab Townsell

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett