
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Friday 4:30 p.m.
June 6, 2008

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, Alderwoman Whitmore, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Jones, Alderman Bell, and Alderman Vaught. Also, present and acting: Mayor Tab Townsell, and Deputy City Attorney Kurt Meredith. Alderwoman Mehl and Alderwoman Smith were not in attendance

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Roll Call*
3. *Minutes:* None
4. *Recognition of Guests:* None
5. *Public Hearings:* None

6. *Report of Standing Committees:*
 - A. *Public Service Committee (Sanitation, Parks & Recreation, & Physical Plant)*
 1. **Consideration to approve final cost of the Conway Girls Softball Complex and the consideration of a playground allowance.**

Mayor Townsell explained that the guaranteed maximum cost from Nabholz Construction for the girl's softball complex is \$5,929,013.00. Mayor Townsell gave a brief synopsis of the value engineering which scaled back on some of the features of the park and explained that shade structures have been added for the spectator areas which was not originally part of Phase I but is included in cost above. What is not included in the maximum cost is an allowance for a playground, which is approximately \$125,000.00, which Mayor Townsell wishes the council to approve tonight. Alderman Bell motioned to approve the guaranteed maximum cost and the playground allowance. Alderman Vaught seconded the motion. Mayor Townsell summarized future projects on the burner and gave projected revenues for 2008 and asked if council wished to build the downtown pavilion this year or build up more surpluses and build it next year. Alderman Vaught stated that if the economy continues to decline that people will not be going out to eat and if the projected 7% growth rate from A & P revenues goes down we will be in a bind. Alderman Jones stated he thinks the pavilion should be put off until next year due to the economy.

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Alderman Grimes stated that the cost of construction is not going to decline. Mayor Townsell he would like to go as far as having construction documents and whenever we feel comfortable with the revenue then we can make a decision about the pavilion. There was no further discussion on the main motion on the floor. The motion passed 6-0.

PASSED this 6th day of June 2008

APPROVED:

Mayor Tab Townsell

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett