

---

---

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

---

Conway, Arkansas  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.  
May 12, 2009

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

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Roll Call*
3. *Minutes:* April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to approve the April 28, 2009 minutes as submitted. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

4. *Recognition of Guests:*

5. *Public Hearings:*

A. *Public hearing to discuss renaming Trey Lane to Artis Lane.*

Mayor Townsell opened the public hearing. Kimmie Cleveland stated his wife's family has owned several tracts of land in this area and feels it is appropriate to re-name this portion of Trey Lane to Artis Lane in honor of Artis Davis his father-in-law. Mayor Townsell closed the public hearing. Mayor Townsell explained it is best to name roads the same name for the entire length of that road and suggested holding the ordinance in committee until we can contact the other residents on this stretch of road to see if there are any objections to renaming it Artis Lane. Alderman Vaught motioned to hold this item in committee. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

1. **Ordinance changing a portion of Trey Lane to Artis Lane.**

Item held in committee.

B. *Public hearing to discuss the proposed wastewater rates for the City.*

Mayor Townsell opened the public hearing. Bret Carroll, CFO Conway Corp., briefly explained the need for the rate increase. Richie Arnold, CEO Conway Corp. was present to answer questions. Mayor Townsell closed the public hearing.

1. **Ordinance {O-09-48} amending O-92-15 in regards to fixing rates for services rendered by the sewer system of the City of Conway.**

**O-09-48**

Alderman Smith motioned to waive the second and third readings of the ordinance. Alderman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderman Vaught motioned to adopt the ordinance and the emergency clause. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. City Attorney Michal Murphy suggested adding the emergency clause to the title of the ordinance. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Mehl, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Smith, Alderman Jones, Alderman Vaught, Alderman Rhodes, Alderman Whitmore, and Alderman Grimes. The motion passed 8-0.

**6. Report of Standing Committees:**

**A. Economic Development Committee (Airport, Conway Corporation, Conway Development Corporation, Chamber of Commerce)**

1. **Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign documents to enter into a Power Purchase Contract recommended by Conway Corporation.**

**R-09-23**

Richie Arnold, CEO Conway Corp., stated the current agreement will expire on Dec. 31, 2010 and explained that Conway Corp went through an RFP process in order to obtain a replacement. Steve Stein, R.W. Beck Inc, gave a brief synopsis of the proposal process and the outcome and explained the contract terms, which is 3 years beginning Jan. 1, 2011, and the contracts components. In conclusion Mr. Stein feels that NRG Energy represents a reasonable power supply option and is representative of current market for wholesale power purchases. Alderman Hawkins motioned to adopt the resolution. Alderman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

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

1. **Consideration of bids for the LED Signal Light annual bids for the Street Department.**

Alan Alvey, Traffic Systems Manager, was present to answer questions. Mayor Townsell stated the recommendation is to accept the low bid from Mid American Signal, Inc. in the amount of \$25,249.31. Alderman Smith motioned to accept

---

---

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

---

the low bid. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

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

**1. Consideration of bids for Youth Sports Photo Package for the Conway Parks Department.**

Brian Knopp, Parks Director, was present to answer questions. Mayor Townsell explained the recommendation is to go with the second lowest bid, Legends Sports Photography (out of Little Rock), in the amount of \$12.00 / per player. Alderwoman Smith motioned to award the bid to Legends Sports Photography. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

**2. Ordinance appropriating donated funds for the Conway Parks Department.**

**O-09-61**

Mayor Townsell explained this \$500.00 donation from Soaring Wings Ranch will be used to purchase park benches for Laurel Park. Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderman Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Jones, Alderman Vaught, Alderman Rhodes, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderman Grimes. The motion passed 8-0.

**3. Ordinance appropriating funds for a maintenance shop at Don Owens Sports Center for the Parks Department.**

**O-09-62**

Brian Knopp, Parks Director, was present to answer questions. Mayor Townsell explained this \$66,541.00 is needed to cover the shortage of funds needed for the construction of the maintenance shop. Alderman Hawkins motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. Alderman Hawkins motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Jones, Alderman Vaught, Alderman Rhodes, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderman Grimes. The motion passed 8-0.

**7. Old Business**

---

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

---

**8. New Business**

*Adjournment*

**PASSED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009**

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor Tab Townsell**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City Clerk Michael O. Garrett**