
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday 12:00 p.m.
September 25, 2009

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

1. Call to Order
2. Reporting of Standing Committees

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

1. **Ordinance waiving the bidding process and authorizing the Street Department to purchase culverts for emergency storm drainage repairs on Richland Hills Drive.**

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Ronnie Hall, City Engineer, was present to answer questions. Mayor Townsell explained these culverts are larger than what we normally bid. Alderman Jones asked who is the low bidder. Mr. Hall stated Culverts Plus out of Searcy, Arkansas was the low bidder at \$19,654.00. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderman Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Alderman Smith motioned to adopt the ordinance and the emergency clause. Alderman Hawkins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Rhodes, Alderwoman Whitmore, Alderman Grimes, and Alderman Jones. The motion passed 7-0.

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

1. **Consideration to approve change orders for various projects for Conway Station Park.**

Brian Knopp, Parks Director, was present to answer questions. Mayor Townsell outlined the 3 change orders; they are listed below.

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- Cost to add asphalt paving and striping in lieu of gravel paving in the east parking area and maintenance area at a cost of \$47,533.00
- Add masonry wall at Championship Field backstop at a cost of \$9,881.00
- Installation of 4" cased boring under South German Street at a cost of \$3,960.00

Alderman Jones motioned to approve the 3 change orders. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

2. Ordinance waiving the bidding process for the erosion control requirement for the Girls Softball Complex.

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Mayor Townsell stated Gene Salter, Salter Construction, arranged the quotes for the city and recommends waiving bids and accepting the low bidder which is from Salter Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$19,504.00. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Alderwoman Mehl motioned to adopt the ordinance and the emergency clause. Alderman Hawkins seconded the motion. Alderwoman Whitmore stated we decided at last council meeting to not vote on this at that time as we did not have the information on the quotes, but Brian Knopp, Parks Director, had indicated that there were only 2 quotes and at that time he had wanted to go with the seconded highest bid; we now have 3 quotes and now the low bid is from Salter Construction. Michael Todd, Salter Construction, stated the bid submitted was actually from Salter Construction; in the original bidding process we had 3 bids that came in from subcontractors even though that was not suppose to be included in our scope of work. We went back and confirmed their scopes and one of the contractors was not a preferred contractor that Salter's wanted to work with and those were the other 2 bids shown. There was no other discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Rhodes, Alderwoman Whitmore, Alderman Grimes, and Alderman Jones. The motion passed 7-0.

3. Old Business

4. New Business

Adjournment

PASSED this 25th day of September 2009

APPROVED:

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Mayor Tab Townsell

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett