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

Call to Order  
Roll Call

1. Report of Standing Committees:

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

      1. Ordinance approving a substantial amendment to the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan for the City of Conway.

         O-11-68

         Mayor Townsell stated this is actually bringing planned future expenses into this year which allows us to spend the funds prior to the November 1st deadline, which is a federal requirement. Lauralee McCool, CDBG Director, explained the city was initially told that since we had received the money so late in the year, we would not be held to spending it before the November 2nd deadline which turned out not to be the case. Ms. McCool explained that this would allow the Boys and Girls Club to begin construction on their new building; they have planned to make this a multi-year proposal by extending the $250,000.00 over 3 years. Ms. McCool explained that previously allocated monies from various projects were not utilized leaving the funds to be used for other projects. After much discussion among council in regards to the reallocating of funds and where this will leave the Pine Street project Alderman Jones motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderman Vaught motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

      The clerk called the roll with the following voting “Aye”: Alderman Rhodes, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Vaught, Alderwoman Whitmore, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, and Alderman Jones. The motion passed 8-0.

2. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for the Relocated Conway Airport Site.

   R-11-44

   Ronnie Hall, City Engineer, stated this grant will go toward completing all the earthwork and drainage at the new airport site which would then allow us to start the paving work
next year and get us into the facility by 2014. Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt the resolution. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

Adjournment

PASSED this 6th day of September 2011

APPROVED:

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Mayor Tab Townsell

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett