

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:00 pm
May 12, 2026

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: Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Spurgers, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Hawks, Councilman Jones, and Councilwoman Isby. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Clerk Denise Hurd, and City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Denise Hurd, City Clerk

A. Public Safety Committee: (Police, Fire, CEOC, District Court, & Information Technology)

- 1. Ordinance to approve waiving the competitive bid and appropriating funding for the purchase of a mid-mount aerial apparatus for the Conway Fire Department.**

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Mayor Castleberry presented item A1 to the Council, explaining that a truck had become available and that if approved, the City would purchase it out of the General Fund and reimburse it with tax revenue from the public safety tax that began collecting in April. He added that the City could receive this truck within six months and if one was ordered it would be a two to three year wait time. Chief Winter addressed the Council saying that this is a duplicate of the demo model aerial that was purchased a few months ago, reiterating that this already built truck became available this month and was ready for purchase and if approved, should be delivered by October or November. There was some discussion as to the length of time required to build fire trucks at present. Chief Winter said that Pierce, the company the City purchases from, has added a new plant and has decreased production time by about a year. Councilman Ledbetter made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the emergency clause, to purchase the truck and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Jones, Councilman Hawks, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Spurgers, Councilman Hawkins, and Councilwoman Isby. The Ordinance with the emergency clause passed 8-0.


Adjournment-----

PASSED this 12th day of May, 2026

APPROVED:



Mayor, Bart Castleberry



City Clerk, Denise Hurd