# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

**Conway, Arkansas**
**Tuesday, 6:00 pm**
**November 10, 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, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Hawks, Councilman Jones and Councilwoman Isby. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Clerk Denise Hurd, and City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder. Councilman Ledbetter was absent.

**Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry**

**Roll Call: Denise Hurd, City Clerk**

**Minutes: October 19th, October 27th, 2026**
Councilwoman Isby made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meetings **on October 19th, October 27th, 2026**, as submitted. Councilwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried 6-0.

**Report of Standing Committees:**

**A. Community Development Committee (Airport, Community Development, Code Enforcement, Permits, Inspections, & Transportation, Planning & Development)**

1. **Consideration to approve waiving all three readings for the ordinances on the November 10th, 2026 City Council agenda.**
   Councilman Hawkins presented Item A1 to the Council. Mr. Finkenbinder advised that appropriation ordinances were not subject to the three readings requirement. Councilman Grimes made a motion to approve the consideration and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. A vote was called and the motion carried 6-0.

2. **Ordinance accepting and appropriating grant funds related to the Community Forestry Plan.**
   **O-26-73**
   Councilman Hawkins presented Item A2 to the Council. Anne Tucker told the Council that $64,255 has been reimbursed to the City through the Community Forestry Plan program and asked that it be appropriated back to the Grant Fund. Councilman Grimes made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilman Hawkins seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Hawkins, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Jones, Councilman Hawks, Councilwoman Isby, and Councilman Grimes. The Ordinance passed 6-0.

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

1. **Ordinance appropriating funds and approving the purchase for an optical sorter for the Department of Sanitation.**
   **O-26-74**
   Councilman Hawkins presented Item B1 to the Council. Mr. Joe Hopper told the Council that the new unit would replace the original that was installed in 2009. He added that the unit is used to sort plastics and is very important to their operations. He said there was a little over $372,000 in the Sanitation budget but needed $66,805.50 from their fund balance to make the purchase.

Councilwoman Mehl made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilman Hawks seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Grimes, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Hawks, Councilwoman Isby and Councilman Hawkins. The Ordinance passed 6-0.

**C. Public Safety Committee (Police, Fire, CEOC, District Court, & Information Technology)**

1. **Resolution accepting inventory, equipment, furniture, and other property from Faulkner County for the Conway Emergency Operations Center.**

**R-26-42**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C1 to the Council. Twila Butler from the CEOC addressed the Council and asked for approval to accept the inventory received from Faulkner County in 2024. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Mehl seconded the motion. A vote was called and the Resolution passed 6-0.

2. **Consideration to approve the removal of inventory (equipment) for the Conway Fire Department.**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C2 to the Council. Chief Winter told the Council they had a robot for the Bomb Squad that was purchased in 2011 using a Homeland Security grant. He said it was out of service and would cost too much to fix. He said that the UCA Science & Engineering Department has requested it be donated to them for educational purposes. He asked for approval to remove from the CFD's inventory and donate it to UCA. Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve, and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. A vote was called and the motion carried 6-0.

3. **Ordinance appropriating donated funds and insurance proceeds for the Conway Fire Department.**

**O-26-75**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C3 to the Council. Chief Winter told the Council he had a check from insurance for damage done to Engine 3 for $7,612 and a donated check from Harps Food Stores for $704 and asked for appropriation of these funds to their respective accounts. Councilman Jones made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Hawks, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, and Councilwoman Isby. The Ordinance passed 6-0.

**D. New Business**

1. **Resolution approving the issuance of bonds (Series 2026 Bonds) for the Master Campus Plan for Conway Regional Medical Center.**

**R-26-43**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item D1 to the Council, reminding them that this matter falls on Conway Regional and not the City of Conway. Gordon Wilbourn addressed the Council stating that this matter was discussed during the public hearing at the last meeting. He said the Facilities Board met and approved the issuance of these bonds within certain parameters and the Ordinance that established the Facilities Board says that the City Council has to approve all those actions. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. A vote was called and the Resolution passed 6-0.

**Adjournment----------**

***PASSED this 10th day of November, 2026***

**APPROVED:**

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***Mayor, Bart Castleberry***

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***City Clerk, Denise Hurd***