

Mayor Bart Castleberry
Clerk/Treasurer Denise Hurd
City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder



City Council Members
Ward 1 Position 1 – Andy Hawkins
Ward 1 Position 2 – David Grimes
Ward 2 Position 1 – Drew Spurgers
Ward 2 Position 2 – Shelley Mehl
Ward 3 Position 1 – Mark Ledbetter
Ward 3 Position 2 – Spencer Hawks
Ward 4 Position 1 – Theodore Jones Jr.
Ward 4 Position 2 – Shelia Isby

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 City Council Agenda

Conway Municipal Building, City Council Chambers
1111 Main Street, Conway, AR 72032

5:30 pm Committee Meeting:	Nonuniform Pension Update
6:00 pm Council Meeting:	City Council Meeting
Call to Order:	Mayor Bart Castleberry
Roll Call:	Denise Hurd, Clerk/Treasurer
Minutes Approval:	August 25 th , 2026 September 3 rd , 2026

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

1. Consideration to approve waiving all three readings for the ordinances on the September 8th, 2026, City Council agenda.
2. Ordinance appropriating funds to accept the low bid for Don Owen's Concession building for the Parks and Recreation Department.
3. Ordinance appropriating funds for the replacement of an HVAC unit at District Court.

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

1. Ordinance appropriating reimbursement funds from various entities for the Police Department.
2. Ordinance accepting grant proceeds from the Homeland Security Grant Program for the Fire Department.
3. Ordinance appropriating funds and insurance proceeds for the Fire Department.
4. Ordinance to approve the purchase of two fire engines for the Fire Department.

C. Old Business

1. Ordinance to rezone property located at 113 Conway Blvd from S-1 and R2A to R-2.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:00 pm
August 25, 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 Grimes, Councilman Spurgers, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Ledbetter, and Councilman Jones. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Clerk Denise Hurd, and City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder. Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Hawks, and Councilwoman Isby were absent.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Denise Hurd, City Clerk

Minutes: August 25, 2026

Councilwoman Isby made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meetings on August 25th, 2026 as submitted. Councilwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried 5-0.

Special Presentation:

Judge Chuck Clawson gave an informative presentation to the Council on the Free C-Project, (Faulkner Recovery and Empowerment Expansion for Community). He updated the Council on the progress of this coalition organized by Faulkner County Drug Court.

Monthly Financial Report for the month ending July 31, 2026:

Tyler Winningham addressed the Council stating that the City received the first installment for the year of the LOPFI credit. He said that expenditures were high in July, such as property insurance, loan payment for the 911 radio system and the fire truck that was purchased, and July was also a three payroll month. He added that we are still within our budget, at 57%. He said the Street Fund is still waiting on Connect Conway reimbursements; the Sanitation and Airport Funds are good. He called their attention to the section on major projects funds pointing out the new sales tax revenue funds and the impact fees funds. He said that sales tax in July was down 2.8%, making three months in a row of sales tax revenues being below this time last year. Due to this fact, he showed them a report of sales tax data from the state showing figures from July 2025 and comparing them to July 2026. There was discussion among the Council about the various funds shown in the report. Mr. Winningham said that the figures point to an overall slowing of our local economy. Councilwoman Mehl made a motion to approve the monthly financial report, and Councilman Jones seconded it. The motion carried 5-0.

Report of Standing Committees:

A. Public Hearing:

- 1. Public hearing to discuss the submittal of the Outdoor Recreation Grants application for the Bike Conway Trails Grant Project for the Parks & Recreation Department.**

Mayor Castleberry opened the public hearing. Robbie Alberson addressed the Council stating that the grant is through the Arkansas Office of Outdoor Recreation. He said that part of the grant application is to solicit community engagement, adding that there was also a public involvement meeting on August 20th with about 60 people in attendance. He explained that attendees could make public comment or fill out comment cards available in the back of the Council Chambers. He said that the grant application is very specific, and they felt that trails were the best project to submit for this round. Terry Coddington, Bike & Pedestrian Coordinator for the City of Conway addressed the Council and introduced the members of the local biking club in attendance. He added that this grant's purpose is to create some soft surface trail connections, and improving existing trails and progression of features. He talked about the connectivity of the trails in Conway and the importance of continuing to develop them. Andrew

Thames added that this is a great opportunity for Conway and the trails connectivity. He said that while our sporting opportunities are very successful this is a way to expand the offerings to include more biking trails. Joya Yorgey addressed the Council in favor of the grant submittal. Kensley Moore, representing the Conway Bearcats Mountain Biking Team spoke to the Council in favor of the grant. Wes Pruitt from the A&P Commission addressed the Council in favor of the grant. Mayor Castleberry pointed out that the matching funds for this grant would come from A&P Commission funding. Rory Thompson spoke in favor of the grant submittal. Ralph McKenna spoke in favor of the grant submittal. Anya DerGazarian spoke in favor of the grant submittal. Brady White and Mike Brown spoke in favor of the grant submittal. Several members of the Conway Bearcats Biking Team spoke to the Council in favor of the grant submittal. There was no one else to speak for or against the matter. Mayor Castleberry declared the public hearing closed.

Councilman Grimes made a motion to suspend the rules to move Item C4 to the top of the agenda. Councilwoman Mehl seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 5-0.

C. 4. Resolution to approve applying for the Outdoor Recreation Matching Grant for the Parks & Recreation Department.

R-26-28

Councilwoman Mehl made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilman Spurgers seconded it. Councilwoman Mehl asked Robbie Alberson when a decision would be heard on the application, and he said that public hearings are held at the end of October so he thought we would hear something by the end of the year. A vote was called and the Resolution passed 5-0.

B. 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 August 25th, 2026 City Council agenda.

There was discussion among the Council as to whether there was sufficient quorum to vote to waive the three readings. Charles Finkenbinder explained that with 5 members a vote could be taken and the Mayor could vote as well. He reiterated that all Ordinances of a general and permanent nature should be read three times on separate days although the law does allow the Council to waive the readings. There was discussion about how conducting the three readings would delay action in some cases such as rezonings. Several Councilmembers agreed that there are many opportunities for citizens to be informed without delaying the process of development. There was discussion regarding which type of ordinances would be considered permanent in nature. Councilman Grimes made a motion to approve waiving all three readings and Councilman Ledbetter seconded the motion. It was clarified that the Council was not voting on a change of policy but just the items on the agenda. A vote was called and the motion carried 6-0, with Mayor Castleberry voting "yes".

2. Ordinance appropriating grant reimbursement funds for the Conway Tree Board.

O-26-49

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B2 to the Council. Anne Tucker told the Council that the Tree Board has been working toward the Conway Community Forestry Plan, through Davey Resource Group and they have had to pay them along the way. She said that this appropriation is reimbursement for that grant in the amount of \$122,738.72. Councilwoman Mehl made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilman Spurgers seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Spurgers, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Grimes, and Councilman Jones. The Ordinance passed 5-0.

3. **Ordinance to approve a private club permit location for Smoke N' Bones located at 1025 S. Amity Rd.**

O-26-50

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B3 to the Council. A representative from the applicant addressed the Council stating the history of the restaurant and what Conway could expect from the new location. Councilman Spurgers made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilman Ledbetter seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Spurgers, and Councilman Ledbetter. The Ordinance passed 5-0.

4. **Consideration to approve a conditional use permit to allow up to 18 units per acre at the property located at 1050 Andrews Dr.**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B4 to the Council. Anne Tucker told the Council that the applicant is asking for a CUP to have 18 units per acre. She said the parcel is currently zoned C-2 and has a CUP attached that will expire upon approval of the new permit. She added that the applicant is asking for MF-2 density which would allow the 18 units per acre, and the acreage would allow 97 units not taking infrastructure into account. She said that it would likely end up accommodating 75 units. She showed the Council the planned entrances, two off of Andrews and one off of Museum Drive. She said that there are 9 conditions attached and would abide by C-2 zoning regulations on lot coverage and setbacks, and the applicant has agreed to all of the conditions. Landon Sanders addressed the Council on behalf of the applicant stating that they are in agreement with the conditions stated. He added that the traffic count would not exceed what was allowed by right. There was some discussion among the Council as to traffic concerns regarding pick up and drop off at Theo Jones elementary. Ms. Tucker said that those issues would be dealt with in site development review. Mayor Castleberry opened the floor for any public input. There was no one present to speak for or against the matter. Councilman Spurgers made a motion to approve the conditional use permit, and Councilman Ledbetter seconded the motion. A vote was called and the consideration was approved 5-0.

5. **Consideration to approve a conditional use permit to allow an Automobile Wash Service for the property located at 800 S. Donaghey Avenue.**

This item was removed from the agenda. Anne Tucker stated that the item would be on the September 22, 2026 agenda.

6. **Ordinance to rezone property located at 125 Conway Boulevard from S-1 to R-2.**

O-26-51

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B6 to the Council. Anne Tucker reminded the Council that the next three rezonings were not considered at the last meeting because they died for lack of a second to the motion to adopt. She added that because they were not considered the 12 month waiting period does not apply. She asked the Council to make a decision on the three rezonings. She told them they could make a motion in the positive and vote either up or down, or they could amend the motion to reduce the zoning to R-2A, with a vote up or down, or a motion to remand back to the Planning Commission to work out the proper zoning. Although she reminded them that Planning Commission had already approved unanimously the R-2 zoning. She showed the Council the original plat showing 50' lots, stating that lot lines had changed over the years, some were merged. She reminded them that a duplex in an R-2 zone requires a 50' wide lot, R-2A requires a 100' wide lot. She said that in either scenario one duplex per lot is allowed. She added that if a 100' lot that has been zoned R-2A, it can be replatted into two lots, build two single family dwellings with an accessory building. Mayor Castleberry opened the floor for comments. Mrs. Walters who had

spoken against the rezoning at the last meeting was present to address the Council. She reiterated her objection to the density proposed due to the property being in the Old Conway Overlay District. She stated that the density would adversely affect the characteristics of the neighborhood. Lou Zamora representing Mr. Patel, the applicant for the rezoning spoke in favor of the matter. He explained that Mr. Patel's desire was to create more affordable housing for Conway and to improve the area in question. He added that the duplexes planned for the properties would be overseen by the Historic District Commission as required. Lisa Martin, the real estate agent involved in the sale transaction between Mr. Patel and Conway Baptist College for some of the properties in question spoke in favor of the rezoning. She shared a statement of support for the rezoning from CBC President, Dr. Langley. There was no one else present to speak for or against the matter. Councilman Grimes stated that his opinion had not changed and that while he felt there are places in Conway where R-2 zoning is appropriate, he did not feel that it is appropriate in this location. He made a motion to reduce the zoning to R-2A. However, Mr. Zamora stated that Mr. Patel would not be agreeable to that zoning and would not proceed with the purchase. Councilman Grimes retracted his motion and made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Councilwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll with the following vote: "Aye": Councilman Ledbetter. "No": Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Spurgers, and Councilman Jones. The Ordinance failed 4-1.

7. Ordinance to rezone property located at 113 Conway Boulevard from S-1 & R-2-A to R-2.

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B7 to the Council. Councilman Grimes made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as written, and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. Councilman Jones was not in favor of proceeding without the owner present. Councilman Spurgers expressed reluctance to proceed as well. Anne Tucker asked the Council to table the item until the owner could be present. Councilman Grimes withdrew his motion and Councilwoman Mehl withdrew her second. Councilman Grimes made a motion to table the item until the next meeting and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The motion to table carried 5-0.

8. Ordinance to rezone property located at 141 Conway Boulevard from S-1 to R-2.

O-26-52

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B8 to the Council. Councilman Grimes made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as written, and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. There was no more discussion on the matter. The Clerk called the roll with the following vote: "Aye": Councilman Ledbetter. "No": Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Spurgers, and Councilman Jones. The Ordinance failed 4-1.

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

1. Resolution to approve applying for funding for the Best Friends Grant Program for Conway Animal Services.

R-26-29

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C1 to the Council. Spencer Clawson told the Council that BFAS has extended the offer to apply for a grant in the amount of \$3,000, the funding to go toward a neo-natal kitten foster program. Councilman Spurgers made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilman Ledbetter seconded it. A vote was called and the Resolution passed 5-0.

2. Resolution to approve the purchase of truck scales for the Department of Sanitation.

R-26-30

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C2 to the Council. Joe Hopper told the Council that the truck scales were 22 years old and beyond repair at this point. He added that they sent out requests for

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bids in July and received one competitive bid from System Scales in the amount of \$238,025 and added that the purchase included in their 2026 budget. Councilwoman Mehl made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilman Spurgers seconded it. A vote was called and the Resolution passed 5-0.

3. Consideration to approve the removal of inventory (Vehicles) for the Parks & Recreation Department.

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C3 to the Council. Andrew Thames told the Council that they had a Dodge Durango to remove from inventory. Councilwoman Mehl made a motion to approve the consideration, and Councilman Jones seconded it. A vote was called and the consideration was approved 5-0.

4. This item was moved to the top of the agenda.

5. Ordinance to appropriate funds for the replacement of the HVAC units for the Conway Expo & Event Center.

O-26-53

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C5 to the Council. Andrew Thames told the Council that there are 12 units at the Expo Center that are inoperative. He said that they are asking to enter into an agreement with Four Seasons in the amount of \$365,000 from the Advertising and Promotion fund balance. Charles Finkenbinder clarified that when purchases are made through TIPUSA the bidding is not waived, it means we are "piggy-backing" on someone else who has already put it out for bids. He added that it is a streamline process allowed by law that helps cities save money by going through a bid process that someone else has already done. Councilman Spurgers asked how old the units were that were being replaced, and Mr. Thames stated that they are as old as the building which was built in 2017. There was discussion that the Expo Center is operating all the time. Councilman Spurgers asked about the garage doors being open for long periods of time. Mr. Thames stated that for many events when there is unloading/loading happening that the garage doors would have to be opened for periods of time. Councilman Spurgers asked if we have a maintenance contract on the units and Mr. Thames said we have not but one will be implanted with the new units. Councilman Spurgers made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting: "Aye": Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Spurgers, Councilman Ledbetter, and Councilman Jones. The Ordinance passed 5-0.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 25th day of August, 2026

APPROVED:

Mayor, Bart Castleberry

City Clerk, Denise Hurd

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Thursday, 5:00 pm
September 3, 2026

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: Councilman Grimes, 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. Present, but not acting: Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Spurgers, by video.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Denise Hurd, City Clerk

A. Personnel

1. Discussion of the health benefits for the City.

Mayor Castleberry opened the meeting. Tiffany Maddox, Purchasing Manager briefed the Council on the proposals received in response to the Health Insurance Benefits Solicitation. She stated that the City had received seven responses. Of the seven, two did not meet the minimum qualifications established. That left five qualified; two carriers and three brokers for consideration. She asked the Council for their guidance in choosing between proceeding with the current solicitation process or canceling the current solicitation and issue a new solicitation for broker services. Councilwoman Isby, who served on a committee established to research health benefit options added that the information gathered by the committee was overwhelming and difficult to work through. She said that if the City secured a broker's services, the broker would be able to sort through and report the information to the City. She said that if the Council agreed to move forward in seeking a broker, the RFQ could be published, and negotiations could begin with the City's current carrier for renewals for 2027. It was asked if our current carrier would work with a broker with regard to the benefits the City has currently, and Ms. Maddox said that they would. It was clarified that if the City secured a broker, the broker would secure quotes from carriers for the City to consider. Mayor Castleberry clarified that insurance companies were hesitant to quote prices directly to the City, but they would work through a broker. Charles Finkenbinder told the Council that anytime a City puts out a request for bids, they are in control of the bidding and can decide what information goes into the request. He clarified that a general request for bids is different than what information a City can request of a carrier. He said if the City has a contract with an insurer, it can require them to produce more information per the contract. There was discussion about broker's fees and how those are arranged. Councilwoman Mehl stated that she was aware that employees were happy with the current benefits and felt it was important to be able to provide the same level of coverage in the future. It was asked of Councilwoman Isby, as a member of the Committee, what the Committee's recommendation was. She said that the Committee would recommend going with a broker's services because they could work through all of the details and collect and organize information from carriers more efficiently. It was confirmed that the carrier would pay the broker's commission, but it could not be determined that using a broker would not cost the City additional money until each broker was evaluated in the RFQ process. Ms. Maddox stated that some are submitting as a broker on commission, and some are proposing as a broker as consultant. She said it would be one or the other and would be determined through the process. Councilman Grimes made a motion to go with Option #2, to issue a new solicitation specifically for health insurance broker services, and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. Councilman Ledbetter questioned why after receiving these proposals would we start over because

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the results were not satisfactory. Ms. Maddox stated that it is not uncommon in the procurement process, and Mr. Finkenbinder stated that even in competitive bidding, which is the strictest procurement process in Arkansas, the City can reject any and all bids and start over.

(Councilman Grimes left the meeting.)

Councilwoman Isby stated that the original request was for proposals and this would be a request for qualifications for a broker. Councilman Ledbetter asked how much time this would add to the process, and Ms. Maddox stated that with either Option 1 or 2 it would be done by the end of September. She added that if Option 2 is chosen, the HR Department would begin negotiating with our current carrier for possible renewal options for 2027, and once a broker was awarded, they would step in and help with that process. There was no further discussion. A vote was called and the motion to approve Option 2 passed 5-1, with Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Hawks, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Isby, and Mayor Castleberry voting "yes", and Councilman Ledbetter voting "no".

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 3rd day of September, 2026

APPROVED:

Mayor, Bart Castleberry

City Clerk, Denise Hurd

City of Conway, Arkansas

Office of the Mayor

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Memo:

To: Mayor Bart Castleberry
CC: City Council Members
From: Adrian Moore
Date: September 3, 2026
Re: September 8th, 2026 City Council Agenda

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The following ordinances are included on the September 8th, 2026, City Council Agenda for consideration of waiving the three readings of each ordinance:

1. A-2 Ordinance appropriating funds to accept the low bid for Don Owen's Concession building for the Parks and Recreation Department.
2. A-3 Ordinance appropriating funds for the replacement of an HVAC unit at District Court.
3. B-1 Ordinance appropriating reimbursement funds from various entities for the Police Department.
4. B-2 Ordinance accepting grant proceeds from the Homeland Security Grant Program for the Fire Department.
5. B-3 Ordinance appropriating funds and insurance proceeds for the Fire Department.
6. B-4 Ordinance to approve the purchase of two new fire engines for the Fire Department.
7. C-1 Ordinance to rezone property located at 113 Conway Blvd from S-1 to R2A to R-2.



City of Conway, Arkansas
Ordinance No. O-26-_____

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDING, ACCEPTING THE LOW BID, AND ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF CONWAY'S DON OWEN SPORTS COMPLEX CONCESSION BUILDING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT; AND OTHER PURPOSES

Whereas, the City of Conway has solicited bids on Monday, August 10, 2026, for a General Contractor for the Don Owen Sports Complex Concessions Building area; and

Whereas, the City of Conway received proposals from eleven (11) different contractors;

Stephen Hay Construction, Inc.	\$2,589,771.50
Southern Brothers Construction, Inc.	\$2,710,923.00
Bell Construction Co., Inc.	\$2,731,694.00
Legacy Construction Management	\$2,709,685.00
Wagner General Contractors, Inc.	\$2,781,000.00
Cornerstone Construction of Russellville, Inc.	\$2,759,020.00
Noacon, Inc.	\$2,986,300.00
JACE Constructors, Inc.	\$2,894,762.00
FARCO (C&S Contracting LLC)	\$2,976,500.00
Milestone Construction	\$3,041,514.00
Shields & Associates, Inc.	\$3,055,000.00

Whereas, the City of Conway requests that the Council approve the lowest bid from Stephen Hay Construction, Inc. and allows the City to enter into a contract for the amount stated above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1: The City of Conway accepts the lowest bid and enters into an agreement with Stephen Hay Construction, Inc. as the general contractor for the Don Owen Sports Complex Concession Building in the amount of \$2,589,771.50.

Section 2. The City of Conway shall appropriate funds in the amount of \$2,589,771.50 from the Advertising & Promotion Fund Balance Account (252-000-4900) to the Advertising & Promotion CIP - Misc Account (252-140-5990).

Section 3. The City Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute all agreements and contracts regarding this project.

Section 4: All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to that extent of the conflict.

PASSED this 8th day of September 2026.

Approved:

Attest:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

Denise Hurd
City Clerk/Treasurer



City of Conway, Arkansas
Ordinance No. O-26-_____

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF FAULKNER COUNTY FOR THE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF AN HVAC UNIT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Whereas, the District Court of Faulkner County experienced an emergency need to replace a failed air conditioning unit in order to maintain the efficient and continued operation of the department; and

Whereas, three quotes were obtained for the replacement of the failed air conditioning unit, as follows:

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| • Hayes Heating and Air | \$21,790.89 |
| • Top Notch Heating and Air | \$43,837.00 |
| • Middleton Heat and Air | \$47,920.69 |

Whereas, Hayes Heating and Air submitted the lowest responsible quote in the amount of \$21,790.89 for the replacement of the failed air conditioning unit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Conway shall appropriate \$21,790.89 from the General Fund Balance Appropriation Account 001.119.4900 to the District Court Building Maintenance Account 001.128.5410 for the emergency replacement of the failed HVAC unit and associated expenses.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute all agreements, contracts, purchase orders, and other documents necessary to complete the emergency HVAC replacement and related work.

Section 3. All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Approved:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

Attest:

Denise Hurd
City Clerk/Treasurer



City of Conway, Arkansas
Ordinance No. O-26-____

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS FROM VARIOUS ENTITIES FOR THE CONWAY POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Whereas, the City of Conway has received reimbursement funds from the following entities:

Various Companies	113,574.25	Extra Duty Services
AR State Police	\$4,670.13	Taskforce Funds
Sheriff's Office	\$34.50	Restitution Funds

Whereas, the Conway Police Department needs these funds to replenish its expenditure accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Conway shall appropriate funds from various companies in the amount of \$113574.25 from 001.121.4185 to the CPD overtime account, 001.121.5114.

Section 2. The City of Conway shall appropriate funds from Arkansas State Police in the amount of \$4,670.13 from 001.121.4186 to the CPD overtime account 001.121.5114.

Section 3. The City of Conway shall accept restitution funds totaling \$34.50 and appropriate funds from 001.121.4184 to the CPD other miscellaneous account 001.121.5799.

Section 4. All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

PASSED this 8th day of September, 2026.

Approved:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

Attest:

Denise Hurd
City Clerk/Treasurer



City of Conway, Arkansas
Ordinance No. O-26-_____

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING GRANT PROCEEDS AWARDED TO THE CONWAY FIRE DEPARTMENT BOMB SQUAD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

Whereas, the Conway Fire Department has been awarded a grant by the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management, the State Administrative Agency (SAA), for the Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) in the amount of \$267,500; and

Whereas, the Conway Fire Department Bomb Squad requests acceptance of this grant in order to purchase equipment and training.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section 1. The City of Conway shall budget grant funds of \$267,500 in the Federal Grant Fund Revenue Account (399.000.4750) and transfer \$230,500 into the Grant Machinery and Equipment expense account (399.131.5910); and \$37,000 into the Grant Conferences expense account (399-131-5750).

Section 2. All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

PASSED this 8th day of September, 2026.

Approved:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

Attest:

Denise Hurd
City Clerk/Treasurer



City of Conway, Arkansas
Ordinance No. O-26_____

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND INSURANCE PROCEEDS FOR THE CONWAY FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Whereas, the Conway Fire Department has received donations and insurance proceeds to be used for various purposes; and

Whereas, Harp's Food Stores donated funds in the amount of \$1,094 to be used for firefighter equipment; and

Whereas, Centennial Bank donated funds in the amount of \$5,000 for the use of equipment maintenance; and

Whereas, funds in the amount of \$1,251 were received from Farmers Insurance as reimbursement for equipment damage resulting from a vehicle accident; and

Whereas, the City Council finds it necessary and appropriate to appropriate said funds for the purposes stated herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Conway shall appropriate \$1,094 from the Fire Department Donations Account (001-131-4705) to the Fire Department Firefighting Equipment Account (001-131-5675).

Section 2. The City of Conway shall appropriate \$5,000 from the Fire Department Donations Account (001-131-4705) to the Fire Department Fire Prevention Account (001-136-5699).

Section 3. The City of Conway shall appropriate \$1,251 from the Insurance Proceeds Account (001-119-4360) to the Fire Department Equipment Repairs and Maintenance Account (001-131-5440).

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED this 8th day of September, 2026.

Approved:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

Attest:

Denise Hurd
City Clerk/Treasurer



City of Conway, Arkansas

Ordinance No. O-26-__

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW FIRE ENGINES FOR THE CONWAY FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Whereas, the Conway Fire Department recognizes the critical need for maintaining and upgrading its emergency response equipment to ensure the safety and well-being of its residents and first responders; and

Whereas, the City's current fire engines have reached the end of their operational lifespan and are in need of replacement to maintain the capability of the Fire Department to respond effectively to emergencies; and

Whereas, fire engines require a significant amount of time for construction and delivery, and it is imperative that the City initiate the procurement process promptly to ensure that a new truck is available in a timely manner; and

Whereas, the City of Conway Fire Department has obtained a quote through the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Contract; and

Whereas, the Public Safety Sales Tax funding will be used for this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Conway approves the purchase of two new fire engines through the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Contract with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group LLC in the amount of \$3,566,996.

Section 2. The City Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute all agreements and contracts regarding this purchase.

Section 3. All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

PASSED this 8th day of September, 2026.

Approved:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

Attest:

Denise Hurd
City Clerk/Treasurer



City of Conway, Arkansas
Ordinance No. O-26- _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CONWAY ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAP REFERENCED IN SECTIONS 201.1 AND 201.3 OF THE CONWAY ZONING CODE TO REZONE 113 CONWAY BLVD FROM S-1 AND R2-A TO R-2:

Whereas, in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-56-416 has adopted a Zoning Code, and Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-56-423 provides for the amendment of such regulations; and

Whereas, proper public notice was given, and the Conway Planning Commission held a duly authorized public hearing on July 20, 2026, and adopted the amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1: The Zoning District Boundary Map of the Conway Land Development Code be amended by changing all the **S-1 and R-2A** symbols and indications as shown on the Zoning District Boundary Map in an area described as follows:

LOTS 21 AND 22 AND THE EAST 10 FEET OF A CLOSED ALLEY LYING ADJACENT TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOTS, BLOCK 79, BOULEVARD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CONWAY, FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

to those of **R-2**, and a corresponding use district is hereby established in the area above described and said property is hereby rezoned.

SECTION 2: All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

PASSED this 8th day of September, 2026.

Approved:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

Attest:

Denise Hurd
City Clerk/Treasurer



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MEMO

To: Mayor Bart Castleberry
cc: City Council Members

From: Ethan Reed, 2026 Planning Commission Chairman
Date: July 20, 2026

Re: Request to rezone the property located at 113 Conway Blvd from S-1 and R2-A to R-2

Bobby French, with Central Arkansas Professional Survey, has requested to rezone property located at 113 Conway Blvd from S-1 and R2-A to R-2 with the following legal description:

LOTS 21 AND 22 AND THE EAST 10 FEET OF A CLOSED ALLEY LYING ADJACENT TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOTS, BLOCK 79, BOULEVARD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CONWAY, FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

It is the intent of the applicant to rezone this parcel of land from S-1 to R-2. The zoning in this area is mostly S-1 and R-2A; the nearest R-2 zoning can be found at the diagonally adjacent block to the southwest. A rezone to R-2A would be more consistent with the zoning in the area; however, the R-2A zone requires lots for duplexes to be a minimum of 100' wide, whereas R-2 requires only 50'. A rezone to R-2 will grant the possibility for the site to be subdivided and support two duplexes.

Abutting land uses today are Institutional District (S-1).

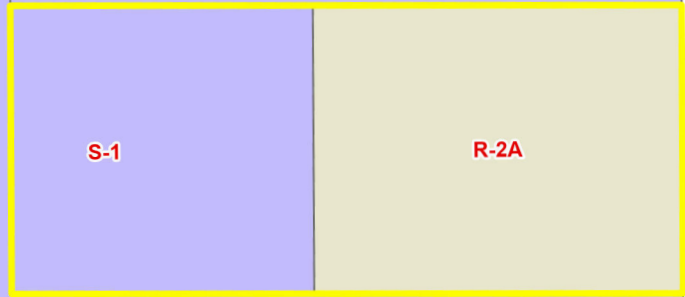
The Planning Commission reviewed the request at its regular meeting on July 20, 2026, and voted 6-0 in favor that the request be forwarded to the City Council with a recommendation for approval.

Please advise if you have any questions.

R-2A

Conway Blvd

R-2A



S-1

R-2A

Zoning

 City Limits

Zoning Codes

 R-2A

 S-1